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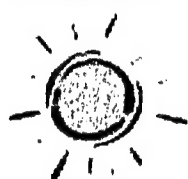
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DEPRESSION SCREENING

Northwest's Counseling Center will host a "National Depression Screening Day" Oct. 5 at the Student Union. They can screen for depression, mood and anxiety disorders, bipolar disorder, generalized anxiety disorder and post traumatic stress disorder.

NATIONAL HAZING PREVENTION WEEK

Sept. 25-29.

TODAY

"Swimming with SAC" 10 p.m. to midnight at the Foster Aquatics Center.

X-Box 360 Factor, noon to 6 p.m. in the Union.

Intramural flag football entries close and meeting, 4 p.m.

"The Laramie Project," 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

WEEKEND

BRUSH, Saturday, Sept. 30, and Oct. 1. Volunteers needed to help beautify homes around Maryville.

MONDAY

Jody Boyer and Russ Nordman Video Art Exhibit opens, lecture and reception, 7 p.m., 244 Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

TUESDAY

Education majors: Spring 2007 student teaching applications due to TESS office.

CORRECTION

In the Sept. 21 edition of the Northwest Missourian we incorrectly identified Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder as John Kinder in a photograph.

KNWT CHANNEL 8 PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday
7 p.m. Etc.
7:30 p.m. Inside Northwest
8 p.m. Bearcat Update
8:30 p.m. Bearcat Idol

Visit the web for:

Visit our online addition for a slideshow of KNWT's "Bearcat Idol," which is videotaped every Tuesday at The Pub from 9 to 10 p.m.

Explosion injures student

Kristin Summers
Chief Reporter

A man was injured in a propane explosion Tuesday afternoon on Highway H.

Northwest student Clint Johnson was working on a skid loader at Shipps grain elevator when he backed into and punctured a 6,000 gallon propane tank.

Johnson is currently hospitalized at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Officials could not confirm his condition as of press time.

Gary Shipps, who owns the grain elevator, was in a nearby shed and heard the explosion, according to Keith Wood, director of Maryville Public Safety.

Johnson was able to remove himself from the skid loader and away from the tank that had around 4,000 gallons of propane in it.

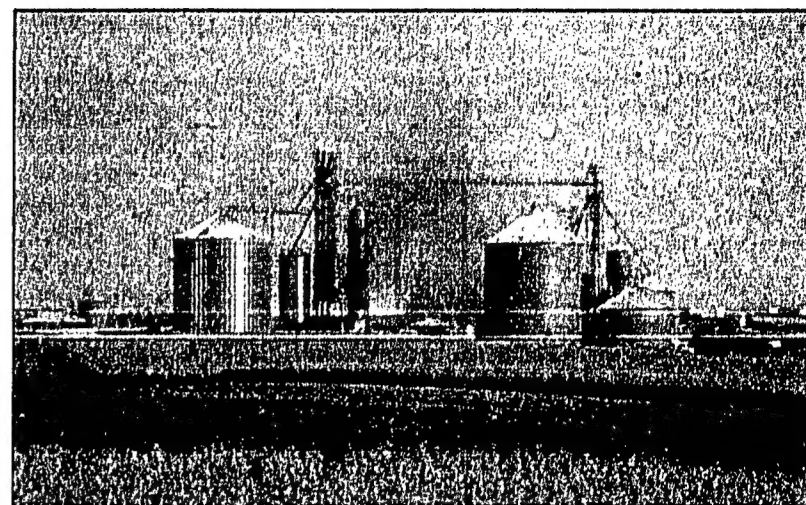
The explosion occurred at 1:07 p.m., Tuesday Sept. 26. Minor explosions followed in the adjoining machine shed. Everything in the shed was burnt including at least two bulldozer tractors.

Wood said they were worried the explosion would cause a BLEVE, a boil-

ing liquid evaporating vapor explosion. At first, police thought it was a grain dust explosion but then they became worried about various hazards that could have altered the situation.

Initially police were concerned with some of the chemicals, including those around the tank, but the majority of the chemicals were stored in another building.

After the explosion Wood said the biggest problem was being able to have enough water at the scene to keep the propane from boiling. The last unit left the scene around 7:30 p.m.



Smoke streams from the grain warehouse south of town on Highway H after a propane tank exploded and caught one building on fire. Northwest student Clint Johnson was flown to the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City with unknown injuries.

So, you want to be a STAR?

Into its second week of competition, 'Bearcat Idol' shines the spotlight on talented Northwest students



Tara Adkins, Stephanie Stangl
Chief Reporter, Editor in Chief

Derick Cunigan won last week's 'Bearcat Idol' competition. He will compete in the final round against the other 'Idols.'



Judges Wesley Miller provides comments before revealing the score he gave to one of the contestants Tuesday night as judges Stephanie Costanzo and Logan Galloway wait their turn. (Top) Kara Adams and Emily Shelor perform in the tie-breaker.

Singing "Happy Birthday" never meant so much. After Northwest student Kara Adams belted out "New York State of Mind," by Billy Joel, and Emily Shelor tried her hand at "I Will Always Love You," by Whitney Houston, each received perfect eights from all three judges during Tuesday's taping of "Bearcat Idol."

Show producers decided having each sing "Happy Birthday" would determine the winner.

The University's television station, KNWT-TV, has student-produced the show, inspired by "American Idol" and other reality TV shows.

"We've produced our own spin-off of American Idol that has created a big buzz among students," said Steve Serrano, co-producer and co-host.

Each week, eight contestants will perform their choice of karaoke song at the Maryville Pub. Weekly judges will rate each act based on vocals, energy level and overall performance.

"People can watch their friends on TV and connect with the local programming that will help with our viewership but also provide everyone with a good laugh," Serrano said.

KNWT, X106 and the Student Activities Council sponsor the series. Members of each organization will rotate each week to judge performances throughout the season.

Prizes include \$25 gift cards to Wal-Mart, a \$100 iTunes gift card and a grand prize of \$500 with the opportunity to open for the act the University brings in for the spring concert.

But not everyone Tuesday night received perfect eights from the judges; in fact, nearly all the other contestants scored significantly lower. Northwest student Dan Whitcare's performance of "Hanging by a Moment," by Lifehouse, failed to impress the judges, earning him scores of fives and sixes, even though he is serious about singing and possibly starting a band.

"It was a little tough," Whitcare said. "I haven't sung in awhile and it was tough to just pick a song out of their list." Winners from each show will open for the following week's show and will advance to the finals in 10 weeks to compete for the grand prize.

see IDOL on 6A

Politics possible factor in low gas prices

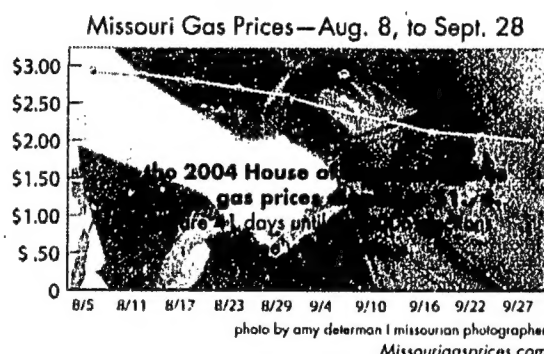
Kristin Summers
Chief Reporter

Pumping gas into his red truck as his little dog Sassy anxiously waits for him, a big sign beside him reads \$2.06.

Jim Piveral, 75, remembers gas costing only 19 cents back in 1949. Though Piveral thinks the price of gas today deals mainly with oil companies being greedy, he doesn't want to believe that politics could be a factor in gas prices.

With the upcoming elections in November several polls show correlation between Bush's approval ratings and the recent declines in the price of gas.

According to a study printed in USA TODAY by Doug Henwood, editor of the Left Business Observer, found that 78 percent of the movement in Bush's approval ratings could be linked to



changes in gas prices.

Fred Lamer, an associate professor in the mass communications department, said that Republicans are in danger of losing the House of Representatives in November and by using gas prices to persuade voters will only help them.

"Who politically benefits?" Lamer said. "It's not the Democrats. If gas stays cheap and television stays cheap then they (Republicans) have a much better chance of retaining the house."

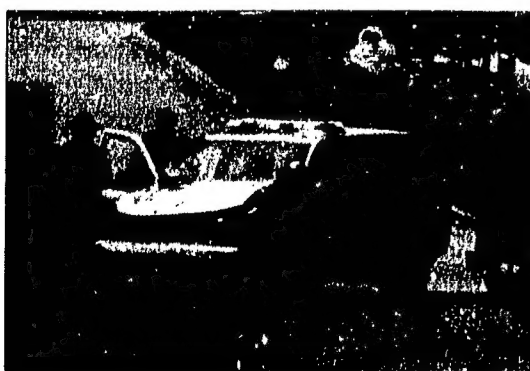
However, (Mo-R) Brad Lager, Missouri's fourth district state representative, said gas prices deal with supply and demand and believes that the government does not control gas prices.

Lager said he believes gas consumption is ultimately driven by the current market and on what the consumer is willing to pay.

Adrienne Marsh, spokesperson for Democrat Claire McCaskill, said it does seem odd about Bush's approval ratings correlating with gas prices.

Lamer said historical data and circumstances led him to take notice in the links between elections

see GAS on 6A



CRASH

Maryville Public Safety was involved in a crash Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7:45 a.m. An investigation was conducted by the Missouri Highway Patrol.

photo: submission by william murphy

PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

Did you go somewhere great over your summer break? Did you take a great photo over the summer you'd like everyone to see? Send us your photos to northwestmissourian@hotmail.com for a chance to be published in an upcoming issue of the Northwest Missourian.

EXPLORING MAJORS

Draven Nevermore signs in at the Exploring Majors events Tuesday. Exploring Majors helps undecided majors choose their field of study.

photo by dana wickwire missourian photographer



University refused Baldrige team visit

Evan Young
University Editor

Northwest recently learned it was out of the running for the 2006 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

The University failed to make it to the third round of the award process, known as the Site Visit Review.

After Northwest's application for the award was submitted in May, it entered an Independent Review. A panel of independent examiners representing a number of U.S. industries, companies and organizations gave applications an initial evaluation for areas of achievement and improvement in any or all of 29 examination items within seven specific categories.

The judging categories include leadership; strategic planning; customer and market focus; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; human resource focus; process management and results.

The examiners then determined which applicants would move forward to the second stage, the Consensus Review. There a panel of judges decided which applicants would receive site visits.

During a site visit, a team of examiners views the applicant's facilities to verify the information provided in the application and to clarify any questions that have come up during the review process.

Finally, the Baldrige judges will give a final review of all site visit applicants and vote on the winners. Feedback reports are sent to all applicants, regardless of how far they made it through the examination process.

The Baldrige judges rank applicants' scores in bands. Starting with Band 1, applicants are placed in higher bands based on their category scores. Baldrige Award winners can be selected from any band.

Including this year, Northwest has applied for the Baldrige Award five times, four times in the past four consecutive years. Though the University has received three site visits, it has yet to be selected for an award.

This year, the University placed in Band 4. In 2005, it placed in Band 6, one of only two applicants to be given such a high ranking in the award's history. In 2003 and 2004, Northwest placed in Band 5. From 2003 to 2005, all Baldrige Award recipients were ranked in Band 4.

The news concerns Northwest president Dean Hubbard, who said he believes there are significant flaws in the award's examination process.

From 1992 to 1996, Hubbard served as a Baldrige National Quality Program examiner. He said he discovered there is no appeal process during the Consensus Review stage.

see BALDRIGE on 6A

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Noted professor to deliver this year's Ploghoff Lecture

Robert L. Williams, professor emeritus at Washington University in St. Louis, will deliver this year's Ploghoff Lecture at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Williams is best known for popularizing bebop, a style of English used by some African-Americans. During his teaching career, Williams served 22 years as a professor of psychology, African studies and African-American studies at Washington University, where he developed the Institute of Black Studies and served as its first director.

Williams has published more than 60 professional articles and two books, appearing on numerous television programs, such as "The Phil Donahue Show" and "The Montel Williams Show." He has also been featured on the Black Entertainment Television network and "NBC News."

Each year, the Ploghoff Lecture series brings individuals to campus who have a distinguished record in the promotion of racial harmony and internationalism.

Mexican ballet kicks off Encore performing arts series

Ballet Folklórico de México, one of Mexico's premier folk dance companies, will open Northwest's 2006-2007 Encore performing arts series at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Combining Mexican folk traditions with classic ballet and modern dance, Ballet Folklórico has grown to become the largest and most renowned dance companies in the Americas since the late Mexican choreographer Amalia Hernandez started it in 1952.

Tickets are \$25 for orchestra seats and \$23 for balcony seats. They can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building, or online at nwmissouri.edu/tickets.

CNN terrorism analyst Peter Bergen to visit campus

Northwest's Distinguished Lecture Series kicks off with journalist, author and CNN terrorism analyst Peter Bergen.

Bergen will speak at 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 9, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Admission is free.

Considered one of the world's top experts on international terrorism, at Qaeda and Osama bin Laden, Bergen has written numerous books and articles on the subject and, as a CNN producer in 1997, produced bin Laden's first television interview.

Born in Minneapolis in 1962, Bergen was raised in London and received a bachelor's degree in modern history from New College, Oxford University. He is a fellow at the New America Foundation in Washington, D.C., and an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies.

St. Louis Brass Quintet comes to campus for free concert

The St. Louis Brass Quintet will perform at 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 9, in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building's Charles Johnson Theatre. Admission is free.

Members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra formed the quintet 40 years ago. Their repertoire features a variety of musical genres, ranging from Baroque and Renaissance classics, to folk songs, to jazz standards and popular tunes from the great American songbook. The concert is made possible through the support of the Missouri Arts Council, Bach Instruments and a Northwest Culture of Quality grant.

University of Central Missouri; Mules get new name

On Thursday, Sept. 21, Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg was renamed the University of Central Missouri.

Since opening in 1871 as the State Normal School for the Second Normal District of Missouri, the now-UCM has undergone five name changes.

The institution estimates it will cost roughly \$200,000 to complete the change across campus, including the replacement of items such as signs and scoreboards.

KXCV hires new manager

Ted Riley from Stillwater, Okla., has been hired to replace Sharon Bonnet, as general manager of KXCV, Northwest's public radio station.

Bonnet retired on July 1 after 34 years. Riley will begin work on Nov. 13.

Yearbook, online newspaper are Pacemaker finalists

The Northwest Missourian online, nwmissouri.news.com, the Tower yearbook and Tower DVD are Pacemaker finalists judged by the Associated College Press. The two staffs will attend the ACP National Conference in October.

Group strives for culture appreciation

Andrea James
Missourian Reporter

A Northwest multicultural organization will plan an event they hope will increase appreciation for cultural differences.

Northwest's Intercultural and International Center is co-sponsoring MOSAIC, Midwest Organization of Students Advancing Interculturalism, along with the Unity Project. The Unity Project is an intercollegiate student organization that is devoted to diversity and multiculturalism, according to Nwmosaic.com.

MOSAIC hopes to raise awareness and appreciation of other cultures with its "Rising Up and Reaching Out" event on Friday, Oct. 6, and Saturday, Oct. 7 at Northwest, according to Ame Lambert, Director of Minority Affairs.

"It gives us new opportunities to celebrate life and human culture. There is something here for everyone," Lambert said.

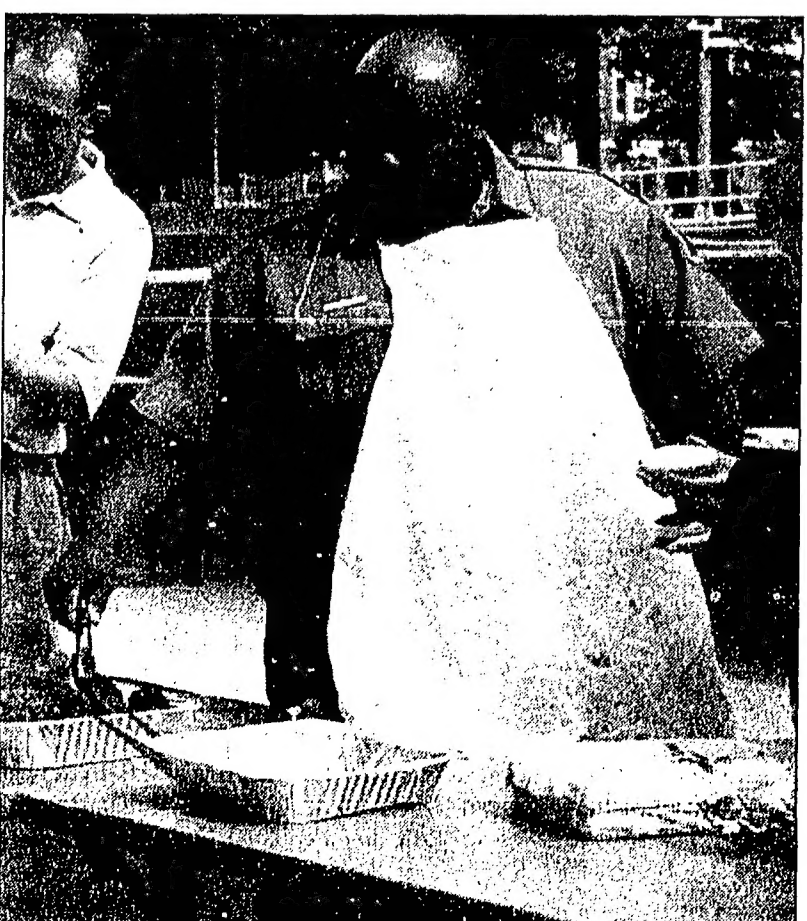
MOSAIC will feature intercollegiate competitions, speakers, workshops and a banquet. The banquet will include live music, a keynote speech by Mercedes Johnson and an award that will be given to ABC heroes by Northwest junior Raquel Grant.

"I find it interesting to reach out to non-minority students and get them to join in and participate," Grant said.

This is MOSAIC's first appearance at Northwest and the participants are hoping it will go well, according to Northwest senior Saida Holman who has been advertising on and off campus for the event.

"The first time for something is always the hardest," Holman said. Tickets are \$10 for Northwest students and \$15 for non students. They are available at the IIC front desk, at the information booth on the second floor of the Union and on the first floor of the Union at the food court. For more information and a list of the weekend events contact Lambert at lambert@nwmissouri.edu or go to Nwmosaic.com.

SERVIN' UP SOME SAFETY



Director of Campus Safety Clarence Green serves hamburgers during a barbecue on campus Wednesday. Campus Safety and Peer Education sponsored "Drive Safe, Drive Smart" to raise awareness about responsible driving.

Jessica Schmidt
Managing Editor

With a packed resume, Jim Blackford could easily step back and take a break from leadership opportunities. After all, he's served on countless boards and done everything from managing companies to officiating football games.

Yet, the senior vice president of Citizens Band and Trust in Maryville continues to add to his long-list of leadership roles.

As of July 1, 2006, Blackford officially took over as president of the Northwest Foundation

Inc. Board of Directors. Blackford replaces former president Chuck Place of Albany, Mo.

Established in 1971, the private not-for-profit corporation works with the University to manage resources given by donors to the foundation that eventually go to the University.

With an ever-increasing demand for private support to help state universities, Blackford said the foundation is looking to move away from "general, broad-brushed" campaigns and focus on a "college-unit" based system.

According to Blackford, the college-unit system assigns advanced officers to the individual colleges.

The deans and officers then set their own priorities and goals for each college.

Though the foundation recently finished a highly-publicized capital campaign that raised \$43.5 million, Blackford said the foundation continues to fundraise.

"We do have some things in our favor. Each group of graduates that become part of our alumni family are possible donors and that's an ever-growing group," Blackford said. "In the next few years we also have the 'baby boomers,' which we all know are a large group... But they have reached that place in their life where they have the capacity to do so and have an interest in giving back. So that is a plus and a unique window of opportunity for us to appeal to that group."

A 1972 Northwest alumnus, Blackford is also the former chief financial officer and co-owner of LMP Steel & Wire Co. He is a member of the Community of Faith Board of Directors, the Maryville Rotary Club, the St. Francis Hospital Foundation Board of Directors and the Nodaway County Economic Development Board of Directors.

"When I look back at my time at Northwest the opportunity and the benefits it gave me, the opportunity to pay back is a real motivator to pursue a position like this," Blackford said.

Orrie Cover, Northwest's vice president for university advancement and executive director of the Northwest Foundation, said that



Alumni award recipient Sean O'Brien talks during the banquet Friday night. O'Brien was honored for his legal work with clients on death row, which includes saving three innocent people from execution.

Northwest honors alumni at banquet

Lindsay Jacobs, Kristin Summers
Chief Reporters

Though the black ties and sequins dresses were new this year, Northwest alumni carried on a tradition.

The annual Alumni Awards Banquet was held Friday, Sept. 22 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. This year five alumni were recognized for their achievements.

Sean O'Brien, class of 1977, received the Distinguished Alumni Award. The awards recognize an alum's personal achievement in their chosen field. O'Brien, a defense attorney, is the president and executive director of the Public Interest Litigation Clinic in Kansas City.

"This is like coming home to me," O'Brien said before receiving the award.

O'Brien said Northwest has changed physically since he attended, but the flavor of campus is still the same.

Jason White, assistant professor of accounting, economics and finance, was awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award, given to a Northwest alumni for excellent teaching.

White, a 1991 Northwest graduate, said this is the greatest honor he has received during his teaching career.

While married a fellow Northwest graduate and they became "a husband and wife Bearcat couple" who call Maryville home along with their children.

Phyllis (Combs) Leet, class of 1949, received the Turret Service Award which recognizes time and talent contributed to the University. Leet is a member of Northwest Foundation Board of Directors and serves on the education committee. She is also a member of the Centennial Society.

She has also started a scholarship in the department of family and consumer sciences.

Ann (Cowan) Rowlette, class of 1955, received the Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Award for

excellent teaching and service for many years at Northwest.

She was an associate professor of family and consumer sciences for 33 years. Rowlette was the director of freshmen seminar, and the adviser for Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. She retired in 2004.

Brad Lager, class of 1997, was awarded the Young Alumni Award. This award is for a graduate of Northwest who received their diploma in the last decade. The recipient must also demonstrate outstanding professional and volunteer efforts.

Lager, Missouri's fourth district state representative, said this award made him grateful.

While at Northwest Lager never imagined participating in politics, he said he was more interested in business and the competitive market.

Lager said he grew as a person in his four years at Northwest and was involved in numerous activities.

"I went to school with many great people," Lager said.

Brenda Untick, alumni relations specialist, said the banquet went well, and this year two new awards were given. The Kansas City Alumni and Friends Chapter received the Outstanding Chapter Award. Mark Pickler was awarded the Outstanding Chapter Member of the Year Award. Pickler is from the St. Joseph Alumni and Friends Chapter.

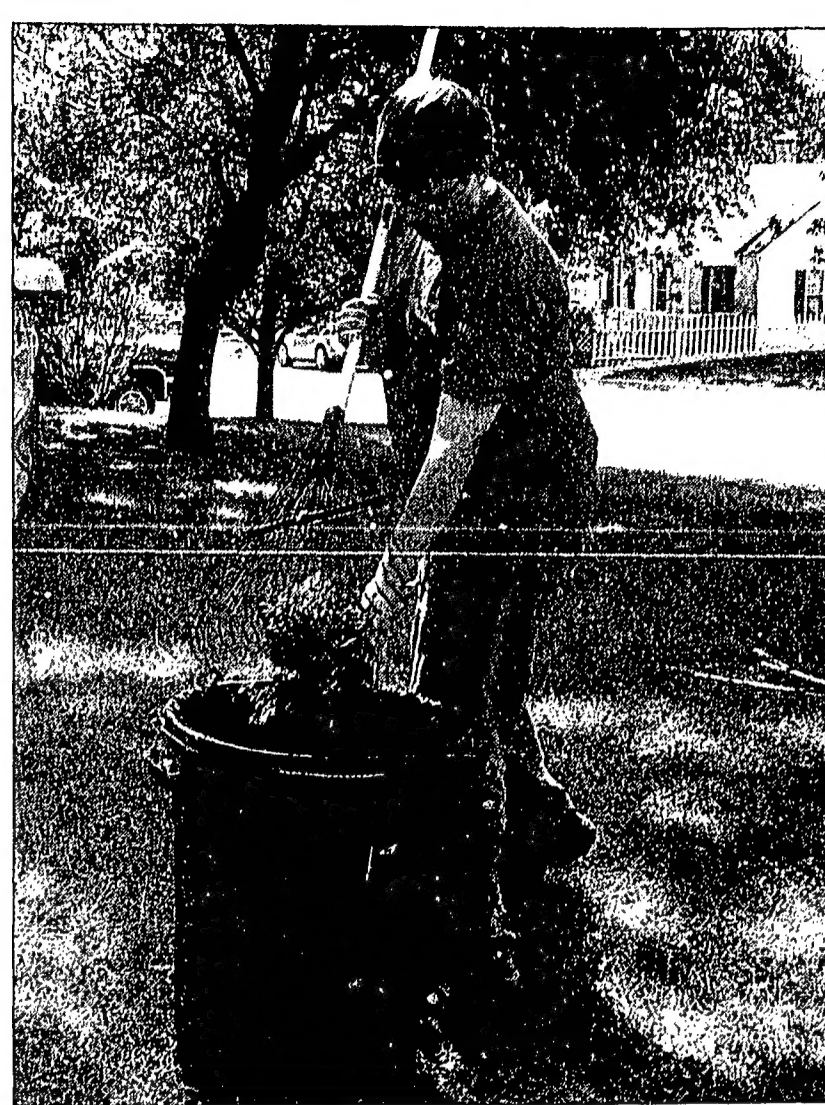
This year's banquet offered a chance for alumni to get a picture taken with their family. Portraits were taken by Bateman Photography in Maryville.

The Northwest Big Band was on hand to provide swing music.

Untick said the Alumni Association accepts nominations from faculty and staff year round for the awards banquet.

Nominations for the 2007 banquet are being accepted until Feb. 15, 2007.

A HELPING HAND



Christopher Curtis, 14, rakes leaves on the front lawn of his grandmother, Frieda Tunell's, house. Tunell, a Maryville resident, receives help from family members.

New mammography test less uncomfortable

Lindsay Jacobs
Chief Reporter

Walking into the examination room, nervousness overwhelms you. Although you know it's something you need to do, you've heard others describe the procedure as uncomfortable and even frigid.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Services' administrators hope their newly-purchased foam pads will alleviate the pain and coldness associated with the compression plates on the mammography machine.

The MammolPad is a foam disc that was designed by BioLucent, a company that distributes women's health products. It is designed to offer a warmer and softer mammogram.

The MammolPad is Food and Drug Administration approved, and does not interfere with the image.

MammolPad is a one-time use foam pad. After being used it is sent back to the company and recycled into carpet padding.

Marilyn Alexander, registered mammography technologist, said the MammolPad will cost over \$5 a patient.

St. Francis has also extended the hours they perform mammograms to better serve the public. Alexander said there are a lot of working women in the area who sometimes have a difficult time getting away long enough to have a mammogram.

A couple days a week there will be two new time slots offered in the morning and three additional time slots in the afternoon.

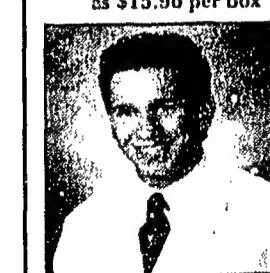
Alexander said it is recommended that women get their first mammogram between the ages of 35 and 40, and they should get annual mammograms after the age of 40.

Miller said they are also trying to schedule a few speakers that morning.

Alexander said she hopes more women come in for a mammogram for their self and their family.

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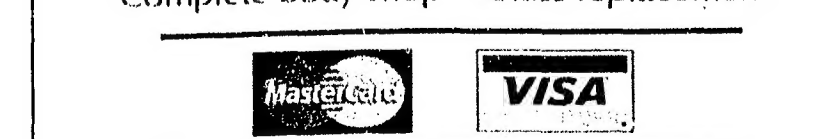
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Missouri initiates cattle theft task force

Dominic Genetti
Community Editor

Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt recently organized a group to crack down on cattle thefts taking place throughout the state.

Made up of volunteers from 114 Missouri county sheriff departments along with the Missouri Highway Patrol and other departments, the Cattle Theft Task Force (CTTF) is keeping an eye out for thefts.

"We know that we've got a problem," said Jason Clark of the Missouri Highway Patrol. "We are actively and collectively working as a unit."

In order to investigate and keep up with the thefts taking place in the state the CTTF relies on intelligence information provided by the Missouri Analysis Center.

Unlike other task forces throughout the state, Clark said the CTTF is not keeping any statistical data due to its equivalency to other forces.

Official reports of cattle thefts throughout Missouri are only available through county sheriff offices.

Records show that cattle thefts were reported in Miller and Cooper counties. Though Nodaway County has no reports of cattle thefts through the CTTF, those within the county are keeping a watchful eye open.

John Anderson is the barnyard manager at United Producers Inc., Maryville. He said the best thing to do

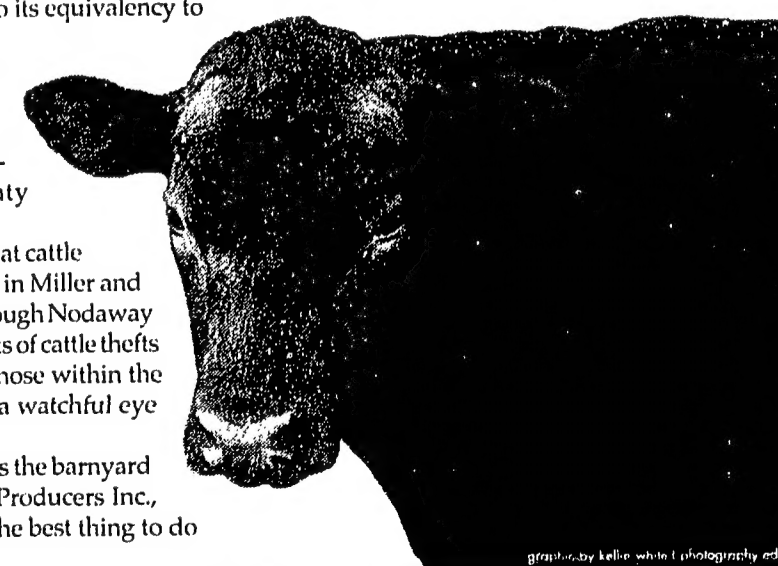
is keep checking on the herd.

"Keep lights on and keep gates locked," Anderson said.

The easy money that can be made from selling cattle is the motivation for stealing them, Anderson said. It is very easy to remove a tag from the cow's ear or remove the computer chips.

Anthony A. Smith, 34, of Phelps County, was arrested on Sept. 11 for his involvement with an investigation and has been implicated in thefts occurring in Miller and Cooper counties. Stolen cattle estimated to be worth approximately \$100,000 were recovered at Smith's residence. So far, Smith has been charged in three different counties.

Missourians can do their part as well to help the CTTF. Anyone noticing suspicious activity or a crime taking place can call the Missouri Information Analysis Center at 1-866-362-MIAC (6422).



Sewer line project underway

Dominic Genetti
Community Editor

Sally Tennihill has lived in her Park Avenue home for 18 years. Stricken with multiple sclerosis, Tennihill cannot drive and is forced to go to the side of her house where her friends from church can pick her up due to the construction along on the north side of Maryville.

First it was Main Street that went under the jackhammer, but now Park Avenue is undergoing a maintenance facelift.

To drive underground sewage away from flowing underneath the houses, another line is being made along Park Avenue, which leads across the north portion of the Dollar General store parking lot connecting with Main Street.

It was originally planned for the project to be done earlier, but due to seven days of rain, it was postponed.

Maryville Public Works director Gregg Decker said this is a brand new line and it will go around a specific area.

Decker also said the old lines will be left in the ground. He expects the new line to last 40 to 50 years.

Additionally, the project is costing \$99,458 which will come out of the city's sewer maintenance budget.

After completion there are no plans to make any full repairs to the road or to the Dollar General parking lot. Only repairs where maintenance for the project occurred will be made.

Despite the major construction on the parking lot, Dollar General Store Manager Melanie Miller said there hasn't been any difference in patronizing.

Decker explained the communication between the store and the public works department.

"The contractor is working with the store manager and the city is working with the property owner," Decker said.

Dollar General does not own the property at its North Main Street location. Currently, the condition of Park Avenue consists of dirt piles left from maintenance workers installing the new pipeline.

Accompanying the construction is minor inconveniences for local residents.

Amber Galbraith and her

family have not experienced trouble given their house is at the top of a hill.

She did say, on behalf of her neighbors across the street, that there have been problems.

Galbraith said across the street basements have been flooding and there have been problems with sewers at the Park Avenue Apartment complex.

However, feedback towards Decker has been low.

"I have not heard any complaints about construction," Decker said.

The final manhole was put in on Monday and given fair weather, Decker is hoping the project will be done within the next 10 days.

How much will the sewer line project cost?
\$99,458, coming from the city's sewer maintenance budget.

Why is the additional sewer line being installed?
To prevent sewage from flowing underneath houses.

What is the life of the new line?
Director of Public Works Gregg Decker predicts they will last 40 to 50 years.

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But, alas, the days of stripping down to your skivvies, adorning yourself in a hospital gown and placing your breast on a cold, hard mammography machine are long gone—thanks to St. Francis Hospital.

The hospital recently purchased MammoPads, or foam discs placed over the compression plates on the mammography machines. Most women avoid getting these crucial tests done because of the excruciatingly cold and sometimes painful compression plates.

Well, no more excuses; it's time to push aside your fears and get these tests done for the first time when you reach 35 to 40 and annually after age 40. Another sure-fire sign that you need to venture in to get a mammogram is if you find a painless, hard lump in your breast. Some cancers can also be soft and rounded, so it's important if you find anything unusual to get it immediately checked by a physician.

Also, we cannot stress the importance of performing monthly breast exams on yourself to detect abnormalities that you should have checked out by your physician.

Breast cancer is the most prevalent form of cancer among women, affecting nearly 41,000 women each year, according to Cancer.org. A woman's chance of developing breast cancer in her lifetime is 1 in 8.

October is "Breast Cancer Awareness Month." Let's use this kickoff as a reminder to not only get ourselves in for mammograms and to do monthly breast examinations, but to also spread the word to the other women we love such as our mothers, daughters, aunts and grandmothers.

We don't think there's any better way to say I love you than reminding the women we value the importance of doing things that may one day save their lives.

They may be annoyed at first, but if they actually detect a malignant growth, trust us, they thank you.

And we know you'll thank yourselves.

—LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to start this article agreeing with the Editor in Chief that author of the editorial, "Greek life a waste of money," is entitled to her own opinion. However, I also have the right to mine. This is not an editorial to criticize her, rather to clear some misconceptions she has publicly stated.

I would challenge anyone who believes Greeks are paying for friends to ask any Greek on this campus if they feel like they are just paying for their friends. Not one will agree with that statement. If research had been conducted, it would have been found out that the dues collected do not profit the chapters or any individual members. Dues go towards internships, philanthropies, homecoming, and other basic functions of the chapter. As far as the t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other paraphernalia, it is all optional. If someone does not want to purchase them, or does not have the money, they are not required. Greeks do it because they are proud of their organization, just like other members of this university purchase t-shirts and sweatshirts to support Northwest.

The claim is made that joining a Greek organization takes up too much of students' time. That is correct, being Greek does require a time commitment, but so does being an athlete, running Bearcat Vision on game day, having your own show on X106, or even being a staff member of the Northwest Missourian. As far as weekly meetings, most organizations on this campus meet once a week if not more. Specifically, homecoming is mentioned. Greek organizations do spend a great amount of time working on home. However, what would the homecoming parade be like if the large floats, mini floats, and clowns Greek Life puts together were not involved? No other organization puts together floats as big or as intricate as the ones by Greek organizations. Finally, concerning the time commitment, the author states that students who go Greek could be missing out on other organizations and the opportunities they provide. Actually, most chapters

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—COLUMN

Life a journey, not a destination

Happiness truly is what you make of it.

So many of us wait until everything in our lives is right on course—perfect even—until we consider ourselves happy. With life being so imperfect, it's no wonder so many disgruntled people wander around searching for the secret to happiness to little or no avail.

Numerous people trudge through life attempting to dodge the next torpedo propelling towards them. I dare you to step back and ask yourself if you consider life an adventure to be relished or a string of problems to be survived.

Problems are inevitable. Mistakes are inevitable. It's how you get through those problems and mistakes and what you gain from the experience that truly matters.



Stephanie Stangl
Editor-in-Chief

Anything can truly be good or bad—it's how you perceive the problem that makes all the difference. I challenge each of you to change your perspective surrounding what you consider the less enjoyable aspects of life.

For instance, I used to come to work at the Northwest Missourian and

complain of 15-hour days and not having time for other aspects of my life. In turn I believe I was decreasing staff morale. Some days are longer than others, but everyday I come to work now I try to smile and be positive, keeping in the back of my mind that I am helping people become better writers, hundreds of people read what my staff pens each week and with some stories the Northwest Missourian provides

a public service.

My 42-year-old mother was recently diagnosed with a brain aneurysm in April. At first I was devastated, wondering why such a horrible thing had to happen to our family. At virtually any time she could be gone if it ruptures. However, doctors are monitoring the growth of the aneurysm, and she is doing fine for the time being.

I believe everything happens for a reason. Right around diagnosis, we were fighting constantly and taking each other for granted. Suffice to say, we do little of that now. I could lose my mother at any moment, but instead of focusing on that, I am trying to be happy for her knowing that makes her happy, too. You may not be able to change your life, but you can most definitely change your attitude.

God, or whatever Higher Power you believe in, wants us to be grateful

each day and be thankful for the time we have. I believe our Higher Power also wants us to know the difference between what we can change and what we can't, which also contributes to our happiness and overall wellbeing. While it can be extremely hard, sometimes we just need to relinquish control to our Higher Power, knowing he or she loves us enough to keep our best interest at heart.

I am no longer in the business to control people, emotions or outcomes, and I suggest you do the same. There is serenity in determining what's within your control and what you need to leave to your Higher Power and fate.

Why not wake up each morning with a smile, giving the new day a chance to bring whatever may bring knowing you will be OK as long as you're alive?

Life is simply too short not to.

—COLUMN

Bearcat sportsmanship hits new low

Jerry Springer called—he wants his studio audience back. Apparently they were all at the Bearcat football game Saturday.

It was a match made in hell—Northwest taking on its chief rivals, the Missouri Western Griffons on a day that was especially meant for Bearcats, their families and others of all ages to enjoy. I'm not sure how or why it happened. But there's one thing I am sure of.

Sitting on the visitors' side of Bearcat Stadium with Northwest fans to my right and Missouri Western supporters to my left, I could not believe the onslaught of foul language and behavior that commenced before the teams even hit the field.



Evan Young
University Chief

I felt our fans were especially vulgar. From the moment I sat down I could hear chants pairing the word "Griffons" with a certain four-letter expletive verb. There were also several points during the game where I glanced over to see Bearcat fans proudly

ern team, coaches and student section the one

finger salute. Now, I'd like to point out a couple of things. First of all, I'm no prude to foul language and behavior. I think I've seen and heard it all, and am really in no way sensitive to it. Also, I realize we are most certainly not the only school whose football fans believe team spirit means dropping

the "f-bomb" or other obscenities at every possible opportunity. You'd probably be hard-pressed to find a college football game on any given day without these kinds of spectators.

Where I draw the line is when there are people in the stadium who are sensitive to these kinds of things. People like Little "Jobby" Bearcat, who was seated just a few rows behind me. How hard is it to keep the family-friendly comments to yourself, especially on a day that is supposed to be family-friendly? Jeering at the opposing team is one thing, but singling out a player and making a degrading joke about his appearance or performance? I'm sure his parents, possibly sitting within earshot, really appreciate your kind sportsmanship.

I hope it doesn't reach the point

where the Motion Picture Association of America has to start slapping ratings on our games, but it feels like the situation gets worse with each event.

Our next home game is Oct. 7 against Emporia State. I challenge all Bearcat fans to be respectful of those sitting around you.

Use the hands you would normally use to flip the bird to the opposing team to clap along with a song from our talented Bearcat Marching Band. Use the mouth you would normally use to curse out the opposing coach to cheer on our team with the Northwest cheerleaders.

We are Bearcats. Let's show our football team how proud we are of their undefeated season and bring sportsmanship back to the level it should be—a good one.

Deer hunting more than killing; residents see many benefits

By Matthew Elliott
Missourian Reporter

On a dark fall morning a man walks through the woods, rifle in hand and covered in camouflage. A thick fog hangs over a distant field, barely visible through the tree branches and leaves.

A light breeze blows as a stick breaks nature's silence. Through the fog a deer slowly becomes visible.

During deer seasons, for archery, which is underway now, and for firearms, which starts statewide in November, these are the aspects that add to the thrill of hunting that spreads from coast to coast and all over the world.

"Being able to be out in the wilderness and see God's creations," said Tom Ciak, owner of Big Bird's Bait and Bow. "That is what draws people to hunting."

According to the Missouri Department of Conservation, knowing that it helps the environment is another factor that can make hunting an encouraging sport. The environment could become unlivable for many animals without hunting.

The sport of hunting has many effects on the environment. It is used to control animal populations and prevent overpopulation, which can ultimately lead to extinction of a species.

Overpopulation can cause disease and defects in animals that can naturally kill off all of a certain species. With hunting we are able to control the possibility of that and keep those animals alive.

The Department of Conservation says that hunting can also be used in land management. For example, a farmer has a pasture that he doesn't use, so he plants some foliage and creates a small timber. This timber can become a habitat for many native animals and keep the land from being wasted.

The only way that timber can continue to survive and use the land is to hunt the animals and keep them from overpopulating it. If the farmer doesn't hunt his land, he can allow someone else to hunt it, which can create what some hunters consider an ideal hunting location.

According to area hunter Jeff Whisman, with permission, a private piece of land can be a great place to hunt because the number of people is far less than the number of people hunting on public grounds, in conservation areas for example.

With fewer people hunting in an area the chances of getting in to make a kill is greater. Conservation areas can also be good places to hunt, but can become crowded at times, making it harder to enjoy the experience.

Whisman also said that open fields and tree lines are great places to find wildlife because they have freedom to roam around along with cover in the tree line. A patch of trees and brush in the middle of an open field is very good as well.

Finding good places to hunt is becoming more and more difficult with a growing number of area hunters.

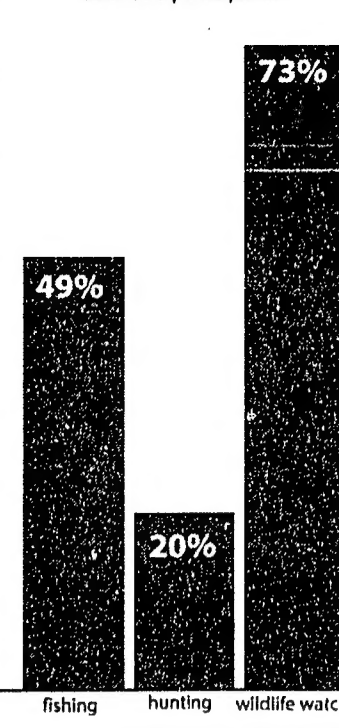
Derek Smith, an area deer surveyor, estimates that about 65 percent of the area population hunts. Large numbers of people hunting can be very effective in population control.

According to Smith, a first time hunter can easily spend close to \$1,000 in preparation, however the average avid hunter will only spend around \$50 for tags and ammunition.

Big Bird's Bait and Bow sells almost anything one could need to get started in hunting. Ciak says that bow hunters tend to spend more money with the average hunter spending close to \$200 each season for tags, new arrows and bow maintenance.

Total Percentage of Activity Participants

total: 52 participants



Thanks to Conservation Departments, like that of Missouri, hunting is a very environmentally friendly sport that can also be inexpensive and easy to control. The biggest draw to the sport however, is the thrill and the challenge of being outside and becoming one with nature.

"It's the hunting, not the killing," Ciak said. "Most people don't realize that."

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sept. 20
■ Daniel R. Bix, 18, Bedford, Iowa, failed to appear, 200 block E. First

■ Property damage: Vehicle damage, 1500 block S. Main

■ Recovered property: personal IDs found in a U-Haul, 200 block E. Third

Sept. 21
■ Afion R. Hubl, 20, Maryville, Larceny, stealing from a business, 1600 block S. Main

■ Sigma Phi Epsilon c/o Jeremiah Matousek, 22, Maryville, Permitting a peace disturbance, 500 block W. Ninth

Sept. 22
■ Ankit Khullar, 19, Maryville, MIP, 500 block N. Mulberry

ACCIDENTS

Sept. 17
■ Unknown driver collided with parked car owned by Jared A. Luke, Maryville, Third and Alvin

Sept. 21
■ Elizabeth S. Neff, 67, Graham, Mo., collided with Robert D. Guidry, 65, Mound City, Mo., at East South Hills Drive and Main. Neff was cited with failure to yield.

■ Trisha D. Judy, 20, Maryville and Rosalie Dawson, 88, Maryville collided at South Ave. and Munn.

■ Kana Nishihara, 23, Maryville collided with Tanya A. Collins, 22, Maryville, at Ninth and Mulberry. Nishihara was cited with failure to yield.

BIRTHANNOUNCEMENTS

Chance J. Casteel
Casey and Amanda Casteel, Maryville, are the parents of Chance J. Casteel, born Sept. 20, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

Chance weighed 10 pounds, 5 ounces and joins brothers Tyler and Emma. Grandparents are Mike and Tammy O'Dell, Cromwell, Ind., Mark Schelstraete, Mishawaka, Ind., Debbie Casteel, Maryville, and Joseph Casteel, California. Great-grandparents are Bill and Sue Martin and the late Shirley Baker.

Dayana Marasheha Smith
Stefanie Backman and Cameron Smith, Maryville, are the parents of Dayana Marasheha Smith, born Sept. 21, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

Dayana weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and joins brothers Tyis and Tyriel Smith and sister Andaya Backman. Grandparents are Dee Wohlford, Kansas City, Dave and Sue Wohlford, Raymore, Mo., and Clarence and Paris Smith, Kansas City.

Great-grandparents are Jim and Pat O'Donnell, Arko, Mo., Ellen Wohlford, Maryville, Clarence Smith II, Independence, Mo., and Versie Blue, Kansas City.

Wyatt Curtis Hartley
Scott and Carrie Hartley, Stanberry, Mo., are the parents of Wyatt Curtis Hartley, born Sept. 14, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

Wyatt weighed 9 pounds and joins siblings Jakobi, Teyah, Annastasia and Iris.

Grandparents are Mike and Jean Bashor, Stanberry, and Edwin and Lynda Hartley, Belton, Mo.

Great-grandparents are Elmo and Ethel Murphy, Stanberry, Mo., Elvin and Irene Bashor, King City, Mo., Curtis and Goye Hartley, Raytown, Mo., and Bernadine Gustin, Raytown, Mo.

Addison Nichole Swinford
Keith and Melissa Swinford, Maryville, are the parents of Addison Nichole Swinford, born Sept. 14, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

Addison weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and joins one sibling Sydney. Grandparents are Richard and Karla Fulton, Carroll, Iowa, and Russell and Anna Lane, Maryville.

Great-grandparents are Dorothy and Jerry Parker, Las Vegas, and Marie and the late Donald Protzman, Maryville.

Kaylee Marie Smith
Dustin and Amy Smith, Pickering, Mo., are the parents of Kaylee Marie Smith, born Sept. 18, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

Kaylee weighed five pounds, 13 ounces and joins brother Brendan. Grandparents are Lyndon and Mar-detta Bentley, Stanberry, Mo., and Leanna Jackson, Terreton, Idaho.

Great-grandparents are Bud and Valeta Sager, Stanberry, and Charles and Donna Smith, Pickering.

Victoria Johne Hernandez
Javier and Jennifer Hernandez, Maryville, are the parents of Victoria Johne Hernandez born Sept. 18, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

Victoria weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and joins siblings Dillon Hastings and Elisa Hernandez. Grandparents are Lawrence and Mary Riley, Maryville and Javier and Elisa Hernandez, Michoacan, Mexico.

Kiah Jo Bennett
Heather Cox and Brian Bennett, Maryville, are the parents of Kiah Jo Bennett, born Sept. 15, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

Kiah weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and joins a sister, Lenexa.

Iola Fern Thomas, 95, Raynwood, Mo., died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006 at Village Care Center, Maryville.

Iola was born Feb. 25, 1911 in Clearmont, Mo., to the late Lee and Emma (Kellogg) Griffey. She graduated from the Clearmont High School and was a homemaker. She was formerly employed at the Trails End Café, Sheridan, Mo., was a member of the Golden Age Club, Raynwood Christian Church and Kings Daughters of the Church.

Memorial donations may be made to American Lung Association. Online condolences and tributes may be left by visiting DanfeltFuneralHome.com.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 25, 2006 at the Maitland Christian Church and the burial service

was at Hillcrest Cemetery, Skidmore, Mo. Price Funeral Home of Maryville is in charge of arrangements.

Dorlea Elizabeth Howard, 98, Maryville, died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006, at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

She was born May 8, 1917 in Yorktown, Iowa, to Richard and Laura (Warner) Snodgrass.

A 1936 graduate of Shenandoah Iowa High School, she married Donald Dale Howard on March 2, 1938 in Shenandoah.

She was a former employee of Berkley and Company in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Dorlea was preceded in death by her parents and brothers: Clair, Wynne, Lee and

Richard Snodgrass. She is survived by her husband, Donald, Maryville; son, Jerry Howard, Sherman Oaks, Calif.; daughters: Judy Lawler and husband, Stan, Maryville; Joan Leader and husband, Steve, The Villages, Fla., and Donna Scott, Yuma, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; sister, Laura Blythe Huseman and husband, Gene, Menasha, Wis., and sister-in-law Norma Snodgrass, Omaha.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006 at the First Christian Church, Maryville. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church or NCCO, both of Maryville. Arrangements were under the direction of Price Funeral Home, Maryville.

Northwest band looks to recruit highschoolers

Sarah Dulinsky
Missourian Reporter

The Bearcat Marching Band has high hopes to recruit high school students for next year's ensemble this weekend.

Saturday, Sept. 30th, Clarinda, Iowa, the birthplace of legendary brass player Glen Miller, will host the 51st annual Southwest Iowa Band Jamboeze.

The competition is for high school students but the Bearcat Marching Band is one of the invited entertainers.

Carl Kling, Northwest director of bands, said this is sort of a recruiting opportunity for the band. It lets high school students see what marching band is all about in a college atmosphere.

More than 3,000 high school marching bands from Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska will attend the festival and will see the Bearcat Marching Band perform.

Additionally, the Northwest Flags, Northwest Drumline and the Bearcat Steppers will perform with the band at 7:15 p.m. at the Clarinda High School Football Stadium.

However, this is not the first year the band has performed and members are always thrilled by the reaction of the high school students.

"It's the hunting, not the killing," Ciak said. "Most people don't realize that."

see how the high school students react," said Bearcat Marching Band member Samantha Pulley.

A parade will start the festivities at 9 a.m. around the downtown square. Field activities will take place all day as well as competitive performances from 5th bands.

The Bearcat Marching Band doesn't perform in any competitions throughout the year because they have a goal to serve the community.

"I feel that our primary responsibility is a service organization. We entertain the community and support the athletic teams," Kling said.

Students enjoy Bearcat Marching Band because it gives them an opportunity to be a part of something and they are able to travel a little bit.

"The thing I like about being in the band is being able to perform at every home football game and at Arrowhead Stadium. I also enjoyed performing at the Championship game last year," Bearcat Marching Band member Trent Thompson said.

Kling said the best part of going to performances like this one is the students get a chance for a road trip.

"The marching band enjoys performing so much that just about anyone who sees them wants to be a part of the band," Kling said.

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Family Day attracts thousands

Even Young
University Editor

David was a pitcher for the Bearcat baseball team from 1976 to 1979. His son Nick also plays Bearcat baseball. One of his daughters, Kristin, is a Northwest graduate student and another, Kim, is a Student Ambassador.

They are the Pfeiffer family of Green City, Mo., and because of their strong connection to Northwest, they were selected as the 2006 Family of the Year, sponsored by ARAMARK, the University's food service and maintenance vendor.

Nominated for the honor by Kim, the family joined Northwest president Dean Hubbard on the field at Bearcat Stadium in front of nearly 9,000 people to be recognized and receive their \$500 scholarship during Northwest's Family Day Saturday.

Only at an event like this year's Family Day could jambalaya and Bobby Bearcat have something in common.

Hundreds of members of Northwest's immediate and extended family came to campus to reunite with their sons and/or daughters, see old friends, dine on authentic Cajun cuisine and watch the Bearcat football team beat the Missouri Western State University Griffons 24-21.

It all began at 9 a.m. with an open house for alumni and their parents, followed by Student Ambassador-led campus tours.

Then it was off to pre-game festivities at College Park, where the aroma and smoke from tailgaters' grills filled the air and the classic rock sounds of the Gypsy Hippies could be heard as far away as the

residence halls.

Green shirts lined up to sample the jambalaya, corn bread, Cajun brats, beans and rice, while Bobby Bearcat mingled and took pictures with his fans.

"There's just a great turnout today—it's all wonderful. Our food was delicious, too," Maryville resident Pam Nelson said.

Nelson was there with neighbor Diana Spire to support the Bearcat football team, especially her son, No. 65 center Matt Nelson.

Spire, whose son is a former Bearcat football player, said she and her neighbors always show their team spirit on game days.

"We have three Bearcat football players living in a row," she said. "We all put our green flags out, so when the opposing team comes up Munn Road, they know they're in Bearcat country."

Spire also marveled at the popularity of Northwest football outside of the Maryville area.

"Being a local person, Northwest football has really put us on the map. It's so cool when my sister in Chicago is watching the Bearcats on ESPN," she said.

Family Day's theme this year was Cajun in honor of three students visiting from Louisiana State University in Eunice.

Northwest and Nodaway



The Pfeiffer family, from Green City, Mo., receives the Family of the Year award prior to the start of the Northwest football game, Saturday. The Pfeiffers received a \$500 scholarship from ARAMARK, who sponsors the contest.

County adopted Eunice as a "Sister City" after it took on damage and thousands of evacuees from Hurricane Katrina and Rita last year. Through the efforts of a group of local volunteers, known as the Nodaway County Hurricane Relief Task Force, Eunice has received nearly \$20,000 in relief funding in addition to countless donations of household goods and appliances.

"After Katrina, I decided we could accomplish a great deal if we selected a sister city and stayed with them," Northwest president Dean Hubbard said. "Our people started looking for alumni who were impacted, and we came up with Eunice."

"One of our graduates is the superintendent of schools down there, so it's really a perfect match."

The LSU-E students are all officers in their Student Government Association. They are Dustin Reed, president; Cadi Pedigo, vice-president; and Adrienne Corell, treasurer.

The students arrived on campus on Friday, Sept. 22, and spent the majority of the day speaking to various University classes on Cajun culture. Their final stop of the day was to Lynette Tappmeyer's second grade class at the Horace Mann Laboratory School.

The next day, Athletic Director Bob Boenigter introduced the LSU-E students at pre-game and again during halftime.

Boenigter called the students part of "our extended Northwest family."

"At LSU-E, they're called the Bengals, but obviously today they are Bearcats," he said.

BALDRIGE: Northwest refused site visit

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Therefore, if one examiner believes an applicant fails in one of the 29 items, his or her opinion can negatively affect the applicant's overall score, with little room for any positive input from other examiners.

"Applying is like rolling a dice," Hubbard said.

He said the feedback reports the University receives from the judges are often inconsistent and much of the information is "flat out wrong." He noted he knew of no fact-checking procedure in place before the feedback reports are sent out.

"Hopefully, the feedback report will give some clue, but I'm not holding my breath," he said.

Hubbard said there was virtually no change in either the program's submitted guidelines or the information scoring in the University's award application this year, except a few noted improvements in the "results" category that occurred over the past year. He did not justify a lower placement, he said.

"I'm as baffled about why we are not getting a site visit as I was about why we didn't win last year or the year before, for that matter. What happened to us this year was ludicrous," Hubbard said. "I was told we fell to Band 4 because 'the bar is always being raised.' That excuse doesn't even pass the straight face test."

Harry Hertz, Baldrige National Quality Program director, declined to comment on Northwest's performance this year because of confidentiality agreements.

However, Hertz defended the program's examination process, noting that indeed the judging standards had been raised this year around.

"The judges raised the bar because of the increasingly large number of good applications seen," Hertz said.

"The scoring guidelines have not changed, but the judges decided to draw the cut point at a higher level than in the past. They looked at each applicant's scoring profile, how they score across the board, particularly more in the 'results' category

than the other 'process' categories. As a result, they were more stringent."

Hertz said an applicant's band score is re-evaluated as the application passes through each stage of review. For example, the band score of an applicant receiving a site visit may be higher or lower after the visit than before, depending on the outcome of the visit.

Northwest's band score may have been high after the initial Independent Review, but dropped after the Consensus Review.

The University's feedback report will arrive in mid-November. Hubbard said Northwest will not apply for the Baldrige Award again until the program makes improvements to its evaluation process.

He plans to expand on research he did of the program's examination process in 2002 to point out areas needing improvement. Northwest will examine feedback reports from a number of applicants, looking for any inconsistencies similar to the ones allegedly found in the University's previous reports.

The Baldrige program's evaluation process is similar to that of the Missouri Quality Award, which Northwest has won on three occasions. However, Hubbard said that program corrected all of its process flaws.

Northwest pays \$5,000 in application fees to apply for an award each year. The money covers distribution expenses, application review and feedback report preparation, according to the Baldrige Award Web site.

Created in 1987 in honor of the late Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige, the Baldrige Award "recognizes U.S. organizations for their achievements in quality and performance and to raise awareness about the importance of quality and performance excellence as a competitive edge," according to the program's Web site.

The U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology manages the award process. Awards can be given to U.S. organizations and institutions that fall into the categories of manufacturing, service, small business, education or health care.

COACHES FEATURE

Nothing but respect

Former Northwest coach looks for first victory against previous mentor

Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor
Assistant Sports Editor



Mel Tjeerdsma
Northwest Coach



Bart Tatum
Missouri Southern Coach

Bart Tatum played for Mel Tjeerdsma and coached alongside him, through a 0-11 season and two national championships.

They will put their friendship aside when Tjeerdsma's No. 2 Northwest Missouri State Bearcats (4-0, 2-0 MIAA) plays Tatum's Missouri Southern Lions (3-1, 1-1) at 6 p.m. in Joplin, Mo., Saturday.

"We're friends...when that comes up, play each other and you do your best to get the best results," Tjeerdsma said. "When its over, you go back to the way you were before."

Tatum, in his first season as Missouri Southern head coach, replaces John Ware, who died of a heart attack last September. On Dec. 13, 2005, Tatum was named head coach—three days after Northwest lost 21-17 to Grand Valley State in the NCAA Division II National Championship.

At MIAA Media Day in Kansas City, in late July, Tatum said he looked forward to the matchup with his old coach, but said, "It will be a great challenge."

"Well, seeing as he's got more experience, he's a better coach, he's smarter, he's got better players. You tell me how I'm supposed to feel about that," Tatum said with a wide smile. "It will be any other game for him and me, believe me. Particularly once the whistles blow, it's going to be business as usual."

Tatum spent 12 seasons at Northwest Missouri State. Through the first 10 seasons, Tatum was the offensive line coach. Prior to the 2004 season, Tatum was named offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, after former offensive coordinator Jim Svoboda departed for Division I UCLA. After spending two years as quarterback's coach, Svoboda is in his first year as the offensive coordinator.

Prior to Northwest, Tatum played college football under Tjeerdsma at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, from 1987 to 1990. Tjeerdsma coached at Austin from 1984 to 1993. After graduating, Tatum served on Tjeerdsma's staff as a graduate assistant, where he coached the defensive line in 1991.

Tjeerdsma has coached against former players before, but said this time is different with Tatum coaching at a MIAA school.

"It makes it a little tougher when it is in the conference," Tjeerdsma said. "I think it's a little more awkward, probably for us, because he is for us, because he

ably more for him than knows what he has to go against."

Southern brings firepower

When playing against a former coach, there is always that chance that former coach has an edge because he knows what his old team will be bringing.

But, in this case, each team might have an edge. Since Tatum was the offensive coordinator last year, Northwest knows the style of offense he will bring.

"It's very similar to what we're doing," Tjeerdsma said. "(Quarterback Adam) Hinspeter's doing a great job. Their running back rushed over 100 yards (Saturday). They're getting some balance."

Hinspeter, just a sophomore, averages 224.2 yards per game and has a 73.2 completion percentage. Running back Ronnell Newman leads the

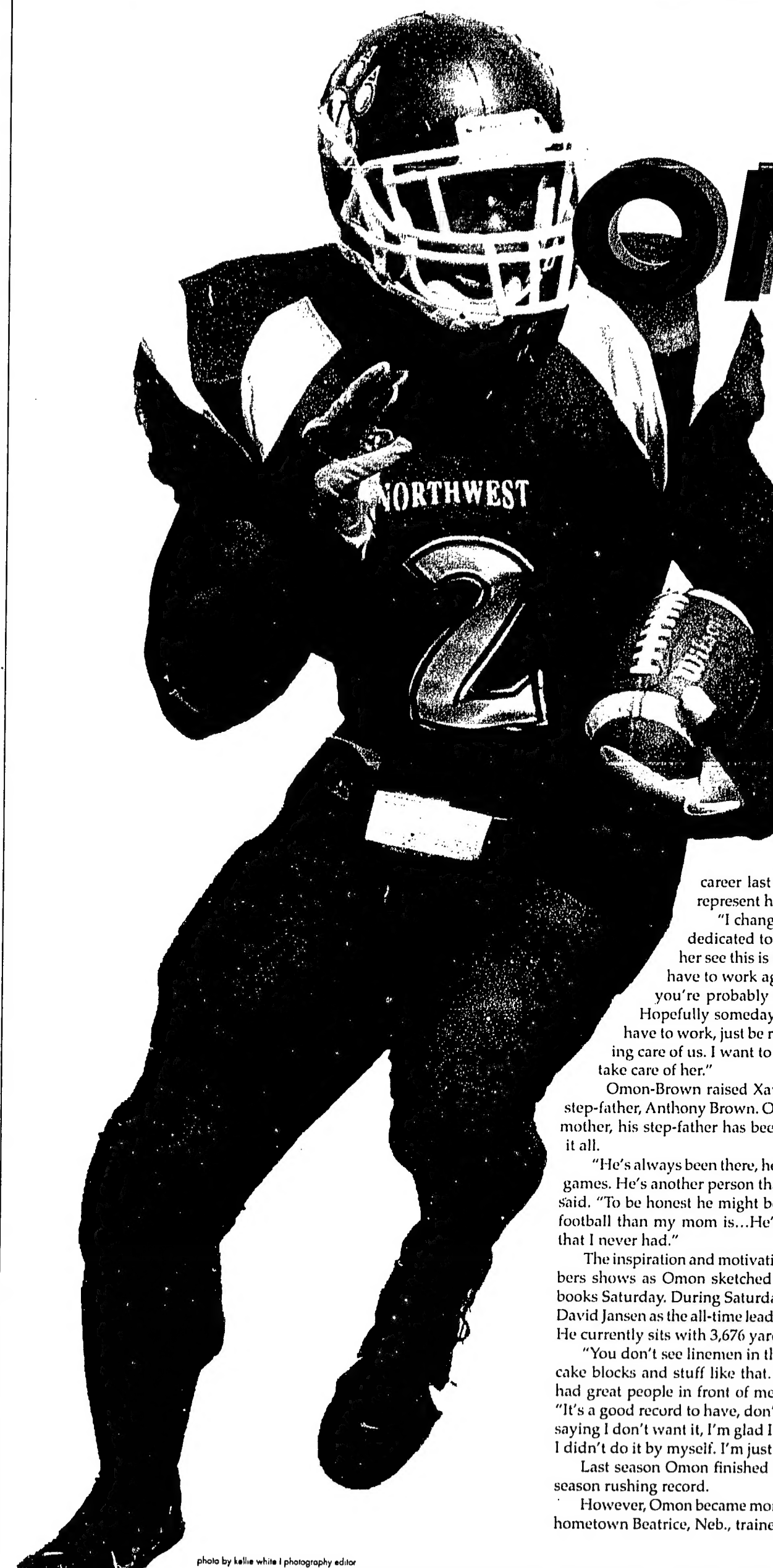
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THE OMON

Junior running back Xavier Omon has more on his mind than football when he runs

Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

Look closely. That's not just Xavier Omon running out there. He's carrying the load of three.

When Omon switched his jersey number from 33 to 2, this past season, he did it with a purpose. Two have Omon's brothers have passed away. His older brother, Dimitrios Omon, was killed by a drunk driver when Xavier was only 10. Then in 2000, another brother, Effiong, committed suicide. Through all the tragedy in his life, Omon has stayed strong, and credits much of it to his mother Deloris Omon-Brown.

"She's been a great inspiration," Omon said. "She's been through so much. She's been knocked down and she's gotten right back up. That's the way I look at life, if she can do it, then I should be able to do it. She's great motivation."

When Omon came to Northwest in 2003, safety Pat Whitt already wore No. 2. But after Whitt finished his football career last season, Omon jumped on the chance to change his jersey to represent his two brothers.

"I changed my number for them," Omon said. "More so (this season is dedicated to) my mom, I want to see her see this in my dream so she doesn't have to work again...You lose two kids, you're probably not going to be happy."

Hopefully someday I can make her like not have to work, just be relaxed, she's always taking care of us. I want to repay her and be able to take care of her."

Omon-Brown raised Xavier with the help of his step-father, Anthony Brown. Omon said, along with his mother, his step-father has been there for him through it all.

"He's always been there, he's been to all my football games. He's another person that's inspired me," Omon said. "To be honest he might be more of a fan in me in football than my mom is...He's been my father figure that I never had."

The inspiration and motivation from his family members shows as Omon sketched his name in the record books Saturday. During Saturday's game Omon passed David Jansen as the all-time leading rusher at Northwest. He currently sits with 3,676 yards.

"You don't see linemen in the record books for pancake blocks and stuff like that. All my running I did I had great people in front of me blocking," Omon said. "It's a good record to have, don't get me wrong. I just know I didn't do it by myself. I'm just thankful I had great players around me."

Last season Omon finished with 1,643 yards, just 186 yards shy of the Northwest single-season rushing record.

However, Omon became more motivated over the offseason to do better. He went back to his hometown Beatrice, Neb., trained to a military workout through a friend back in Nebraska.

see OMON on 2B

The tape on Omon

At	Net	Av	TD	LG	Avg/G
		2004			
249	1,575	6.3	19	91	121.2
		2005			
307	1,643	5.3	14	70	117.4
		2006 (through four games)			
111	503	4.1	8	33	114.5

Northwest career rushing leaders

1. Xavier Omon	2004-present — 3,676 yards
2. David Jansen	1997-2000 — 3,535 yards
3. Ed Tillson	1987-1991 — 3,456 yards

Northwest single season rushing leaders

1. Jesse Haynes	1996 — 1,829 yards
2. Xavier Omon	2005 — 1,643 yards

GAS: Prices drop shortly before election

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and gas consumption.

"I'm not a conspiracy guy, but I'm a suspicious guy," Lamer said.

Marsh said that after elections she could see gas prices jump back up.

"It seems absurd to fork over billions of dollars to oil companies who are already seem to be doing pretty darn well," Marsh said.

Dan Smith, an associate professor in the his-

tory, humanities, philosophy and political science department, said there are several variables that affect gas prices.

Smith said he could see prices creep back up and that it is inevitable that gas prices will someday be as high as \$5 dollars a gallon.

Lamer also said that gas prices will probably continue to drop but after elections are over it will be hard to predict gas prices to some extent.

"If I had a 500 gallon holding tank, I'd be filling it right now," Lamer said.

IDOL: KNWT hosts singing competition at Maryville Pub

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"So far we've had a lot of positive feedback and the staff of KNWT thinks this could be one of the best shows we've ever had," co-host Angela Smith said.

A KNWT banner hangs above the smoky pub while a microphone stands alone on the

wooden stage. Dressed above the rest, he strolls into the spotlight, clutches the microphone stand and begins to serenade the crowd as the final act of the Bearcat Idol premiere week.

The room feels 10 degrees warmer after he finishes "Gotta Go," by Trey Songz. One-by-one, the judges raise the perfect eight scores without hesitation mak-

ing Derrick Cunigan the Bearcat Idol champion of week one.

"I am expecting everyone in the finals will bring their best to the table and to have fun," Cunigan said.

"Bearcat Idol" tapes every Tuesday at 9 p.m. at the Maryville Pub. The show airs on Channel 8 after Bearcat Update at 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

To compete on the show, e-mail KNWT@gmail.com or sign up at TheX106.com.

Time in to Channel 8 at 8:30 p.m. Monday to find out whose rendition of "Happy Birthday" made them this week's star.

Lindsay Jacobs contributed to this report.

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MHS FOOTBALL

Maryville hopes to stifle defending state champions

Brett Barger
Assistant Sports Editor

Last Friday, a young Maryville football team took a 33-7 beating at the hands of Smithville. The loss brought the team back to earth, just in time for Friday's matchup against defending Class 2 champions Cameron. Cameron moved up to Class 3 this season.

"We took a little too much out of the Benton game," Maryville linebacker Tyler Oglesby said. "We played with them and we thought they were not as bad as everyone thinks we are' and sure enough we came out a little flat at Smithville and it came back to haunt us."

The Spookhounds also are

dealing with some injuries they accumulated on Friday night. Defensive tackle Zach Sherry, who is second on the team in sacks (1.5) and eighth in tackles (10) is out with a concussion. Running back Malcom Swinford, who is second on the team in rushing, is dealing with bruised ribs. Swinford wore a red vest in practice Tuesday with his ribs heavily wrapped.

Maryville football coach Chris Holt said Swinford will start and that his production will depend on how he feels during the game.

"We've got some things in the game plan where we don't have to give him as many carries," Holt said. "Don't get me wrong, we're going to be cautious, because we

need him."

The 'Hounds have their work cut out for them. Cameron quarterback Sean Skilling leads the team in rushing and passing. His 10 touchdowns, eight coming from passing, account for 66 percent of the team's touchdowns. Cameron also boasts three receivers who each have 200 yards through four games.

"We're just going to do our best to try and confuse them as much as possible," Holt said. "We've got to get a pass rush on him (Skilling). When he takes off, we've got to have kids there to make tackles. You're not going

see CAMERON on 4B

	Maryville	Cameron
PPG	20.8	31.8
PA	24.8	17.0
Yards Per Game	314.5	418.0
Passing Yards Per Game	99.0	269.5
Rush Yards Per Game	215.5	138.5

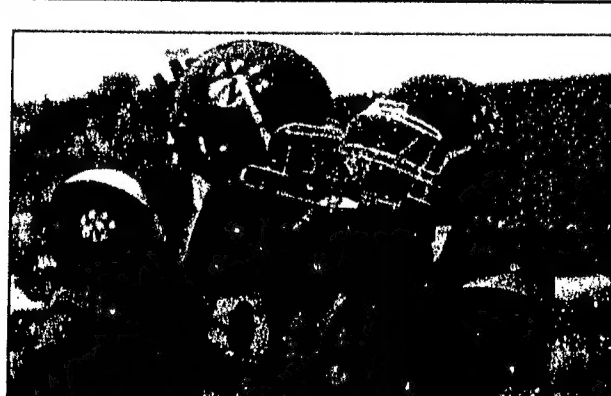
Passing Leaders	Maryville—Andy Walter 16/37, 312 yds., 4 TD 3 INT.	Cameron—Sean Skilling 81/122, 1118 yds, 6 TD 2 INT
Rushing Leaders	Maryville—Adam Watson 34 carries, 423 yds., 3 TD	Cameron—Sean Skilling 62 carries, 215 yds., 2 TD
Receiving Leaders	Maryville—Tanner Archer 7 rec., 168 yds., 4 TD	Cameron—Joel Hane 14 rec., 289 yds., 2 TD
Defensive Leaders	Maryville—Tyler Oglesby, 37.5 tackles, one forced fumble	Jesse Lemar, 17 tackles, 2.0 sacks, 1 INT
	Cameron—Rose Rosenbaum, 20 tackles, 4.0 sacks	Jordan Tharp, 26 tackles, 1 INT



Katie Stillwell, center, celebrates with teammates after scoring a point against Missouri Western during the Bearcats matchup Wednesday. See 3B for more Northwest volleyball.

The Northwest football games at Central Missouri State on Oct. 28 and the Fall Classic at Arrowhead on Nov. 4 will have a live video stream, courtesy of College Sports Television (CSTV). The broadcasts are free of charge and can be viewed with Windows Media Player at cstv.com/ncaa/dvii/.

The NCAA has announced that the Div. II Football Semifinals will be broadcast live on the ESPN family of networks on Sunday, Dec. 10. The date is a change from original announcements stating Dec. 9. Kick-off for the semifinal games are scheduled for 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. CST with the games to be played at the higher seeds. In addition, the Division II National Championship in Florence, Ala., is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. CST on Saturday, Dec. 16 and broadcast live on ESPN.



Dallas Flynn (left) and Ryan Waters (right) celebrate after a defensive stop against Missouri Western Saturday. See 2B for statistics regarding this week's game against Missouri Southern.

COACHES: Tatum, Tjeerdsma face-off Saturday

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ground game with 76 yards a game and comes off a 103-yard game against rival Pittsburg State.

"There's a lot of familiarity," said Northwest free safety Tyler Martin. "Their quarterback is very gifted. He has a good arm, he poses some threats...but it comes down to who executes the best."

Cornerback Quinten Womack said the defense just has to hold Missouri Southern's potentially explosive offense—which scores an average of 31 points per game. Northwest's defense has held opponents to 11.2

points per game, good for second best in the conference.

"We don't expect to shut down the offense," Womack said. "We just have to be covering them."

On defense, Missouri Southern leads the conference in turnover margin with plus five turnovers. Northwest's defense is a close second with a plus four turnover differential.

"It's one of those games where mistakes can be a big factor," Tjeerdsma said.

Quarterback Josh Mathews enters the game with a 64.1 percent completion percentage and 236.5 passing yards per game, best in the confer-

ence. Running back Xavier Omon leads the 'Cats in scoring with nine touchdowns, averaging nearly 28 carries per game and 114.5 yards per game. Kendall Wright leads Northwest in receiving with 90.2 yards per game and two total touchdowns.

Though Northwest comes off a big win against rival Missouri Western, the players and coaches don't believe they will underestimate Missouri Southern, who has lost 11 straight games to Northwest.

"It was a big win," Martin said. "It was one step...it's (Missouri Southern) is one we're not looking past."

OMON: Running back out to prove himself nationally

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And in Omon's mind, as he was training in the offseason, was the national championship game. As he worked out and prepared for another season he just remembered one simple fact: he only carried the ball twice in the second half of the national championship game, after gaining more than 60 yards in the first half.

Northwest lost the game and the scarce amount of carries Omon received posed many "what ifs." Bart Tatum was the offensive coordinator at the time, and three days after the game, he took the head coaching job at Missouri Southern, Northwest's opponent this week.

"With Tatum, I was pretty mad when I found out he left just because after the championship game I was just disappointed that we obviously didn't win," Omon said. "I don't care if Mitch Herring was in there, I don't care who was in there I just thought we could have run the ball and win the game."

"When I heard he took the Missouri Southern job, I'm not going to lie, that was the first thing that crossed my mind, 'when we play them, I can't wait.'"

Omon said though, after a summer to think, he couldn't blame Tatum and wishes him luck at Missouri Southern.

"Now that we've played a couple of games and I had all summer, I was off on my own, I



Northwest running back Xavier Omon turns a corner and rushes for a big gain against Missouri Western Saturday at Bearcat Stadium.

went back to Beatrice, I got time to think about some stuff, I can't blame him for that loss," Omon said. "I can't blame anybody, I guess I could more of the blame on myself. So I have nothing against Tatum...Coach Tatum is a great coach."

Omon enters the game averaging nearly 28 carries a game and he rushed a season-high 35 times Saturday. He has rushed for more than 100 yards in three of the first four games.

"It's good to know that Coach trusts you enough to give you the ball that much," Omon said. "And they're still talking about giving me the ball more. It's just a good feeling to know that your hard work in the offseason is paying off."

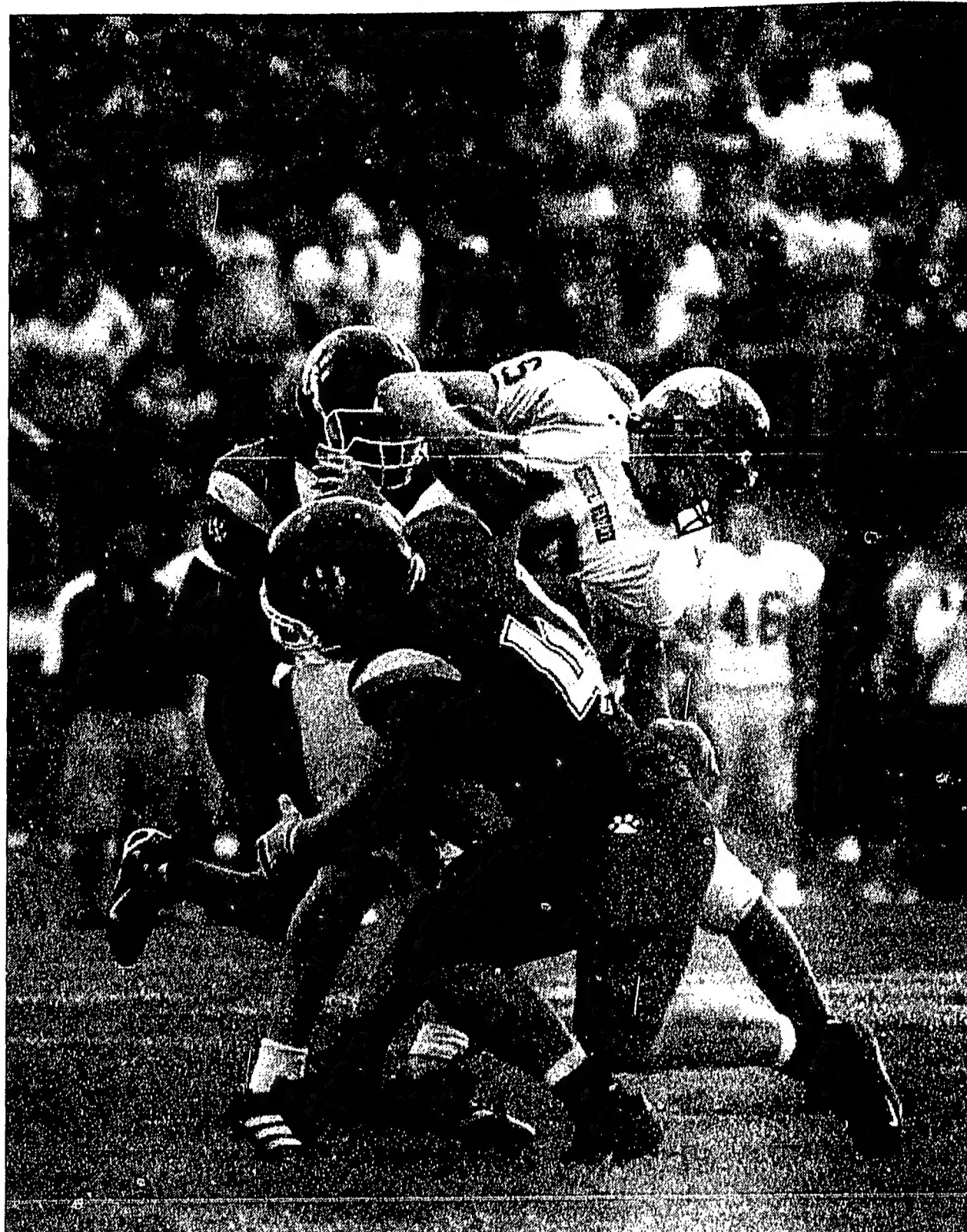
Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said he can see the difference in Omon this season.

"He's a different player this year, he's having more fun," Tjeerdsma said. "He gets better as the game goes along...But we have to be a little careful with that (the amount of carries per game). We want to keep everybody healthy."

Omon's goal this year is simple: win the coveted championship that barely eluded the 'Cats last season. But as for his overall mark at Northwest, Omon has set the bar high.

"I want to be known, obviously, as the best running back in the nation. That's what I'm out to prove, that there's nobody that can do more than I can do," he said. "By the time I'm a senior and I leave, I want to be known as probably one of the best running backs to not just come through Northwest but through Division II football."

STAYING PUT



Northwest linebacker Thomas Smith, left, and a Northwest defender keep Missouri Western quarterback Matt Landess in check Saturday. Northwest won the game 24-21 and took possession of the conference lead with the victory.

BY THE NUMBERS: NORTHWEST VS. MISSOURI SOUTHERN

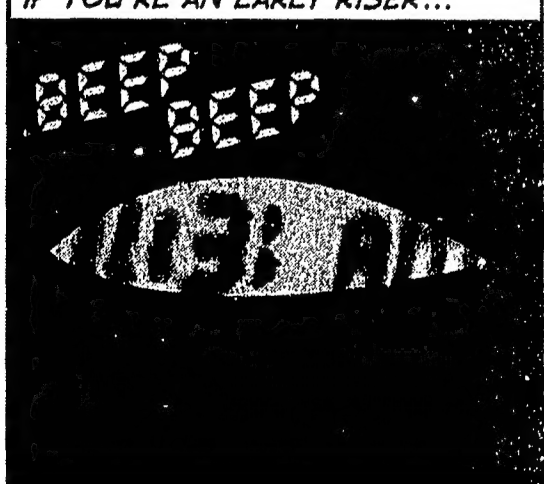
Scoring	First Downs Allowed	84.0 YPG
Northwest 29.2	Northwest 65	Lucas Norman- 13 catches, 249 yards, 1 TD, 62.2 YPG
Missouri Southern 31.0	Missouri Southern 78	Matt Farrell- 10 catches, 87 yards, 0 TD, 21.8 YPG
Scoring Defense	Time of Possession per game	84.0 YPG
Northwest 11.2	Northwest 31:56	Ronnell Newman- 7 catches, 70 yards, 0 TD, 17.5 YPG
Missouri Southern 29.5	Missouri Southern 32:37	
Passing yards per game	Opponents Time of Poss.	Defensive Leaders
Northwest 237.5	Northwest 28:04	Northwest
Missouri Southern 224.2	Missouri Southern 27:21	Thomas Smith- 29 Tackles, 24 Solo, 1.0 Sacks, 1 Forced Fumble
Passing Defense	Passing Leaders	Ben Harness- 20 Tackles, 13 Solo, 1.0 Sacks
Northwest 171.5	Josh Mathews- 66-103, 946 yards, 7TD's, 1 INT Northwest	Ryan Waters- 18 Tackles, 10 Solo 3.0 sacks
Missouri Southern 250.5	Adam Hingspater- 81-112, 897 yards, 4TD's, 2 INT's	Jared Ertspamer- 17 Tackles, 13 Solo, 2 INT's
Rushing yards per game	Rushing Leaders	Sean Paddock- 8 Tackles, 7 Solo, 1.5 Sacks
Northwest 132.2	Xavier Omon- 111 carries, 458 yards, 8TD's, 4.1 YPG Northwest	Missouri Southern
Missouri Southern 123.2	Xavier Omon- 62 carries, 304 yards, 4TD's, 4.9 YPG Missouri Southern	Jordan Chapman- 25 Tackles, 10 Solo, 2 INT's
Rushing Defense	Receiving Leaders	Moses Mango- 24 Tackles, 15 Solo, 2 INT's
Northwest 89.5	Northwest	Elbert Johnson- 19 Tackles, 11 Solo, 2.0 Sacks
Missouri Southern 136.8	Kendall Wright- 21 catches, 361 yards, 2TD's 90.2 YPG	Devin Rulleger- 13 Tackles, 7 Solo, 3.5 Sacks, 2 Forced Fumbles
Sacked-Yards Lost	First Downs	Jared Brown- 20 Tackles, 7 Solo, 1.0 Sacks, 1 INT
Northwest 12.63	Northwest 74	Tommy Frazier- 47/7 FG, 2/2 2029 yards, 1/2 40.49 yards, 15/15 PAT's Northwest
Missouri Southern 7.48	Missouri Southern 76	Brian Malotte- 1/1 FG, 1-1 30-39 yards, 17/17 PAT's Missouri Southern
Sacks Allowed-Yards Lost	Two-Deep Depth Charts	
Northwest 5.22		
Missouri Southern 6.45		

TWO-DEEP DEPTH CHARTS

QB	RB	WR	TE	OL	DL	LB	CB	DB
Northwest	Mathews	Wright	Norman	Norman	Smith	Smith	Smith	Smith
Missouri Southern	Mathews	Wright	Norman	Norman	Smith	Smith	Smith	Smith

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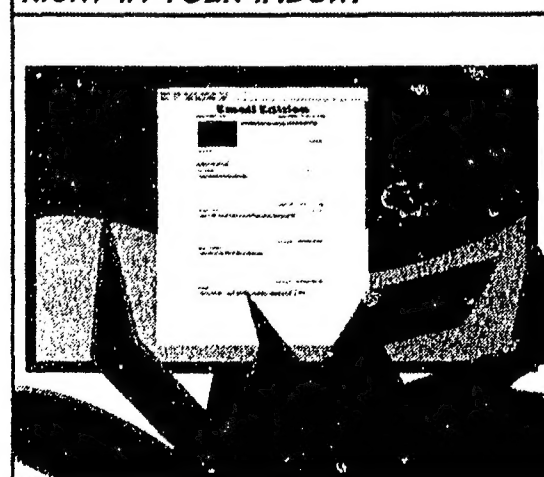
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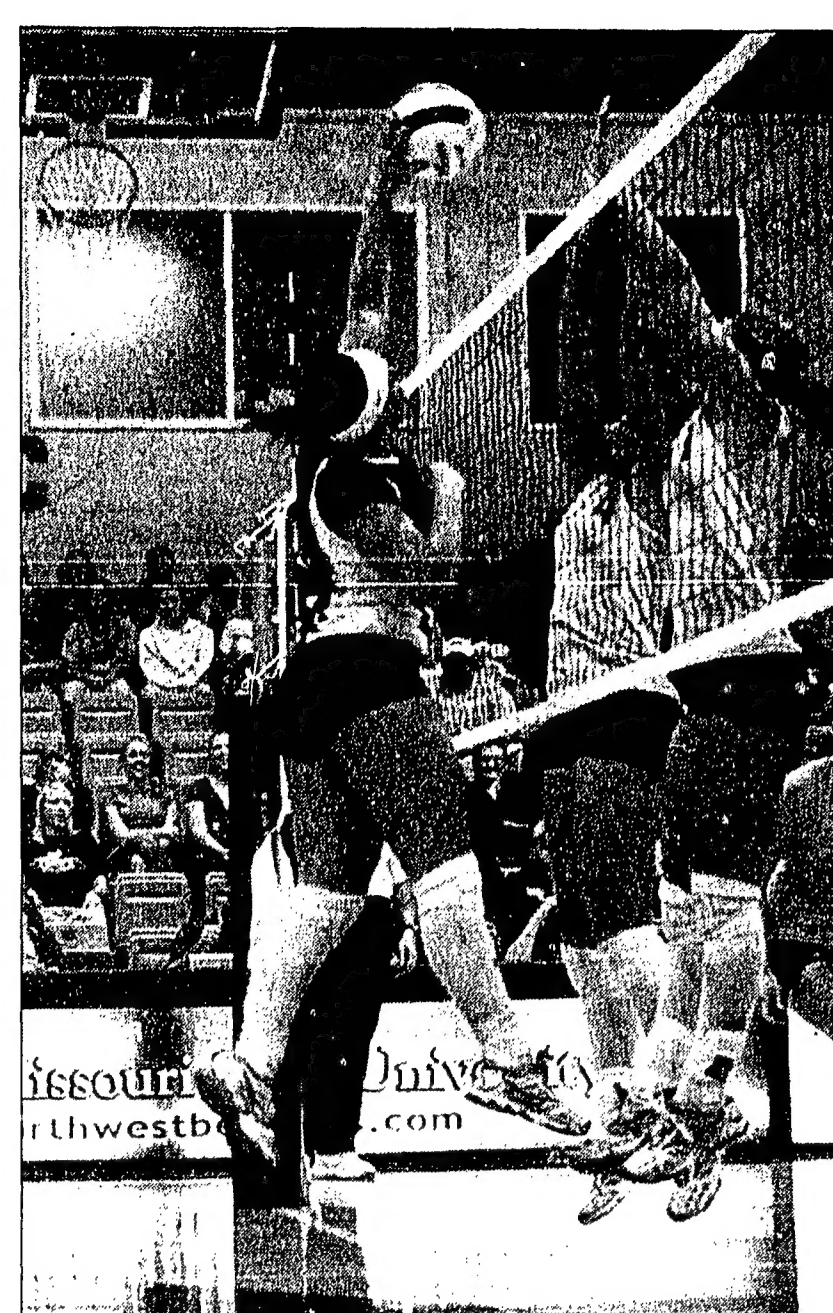


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NW VOLLEYBALL



Bearcat Molly Hankins tips the ball over the net during the game last Wednesday.

Bearcats stumble on Kansas trip

Cali Arnold
Assistant Sports Editor



The Northwest volleyball team continued to struggle Friday and Saturday, going 1-6 on its road trip to Kansas. As of Saturday, the team had lost 10 of 12 matches after starting the season 5-1.

After suffering a 3-1 loss to Missouri Western Sept. 20, the Bearcats traveled to Emporia State Friday for a MIAA matchup. Northwest lost in three games, 19-30, 25-30, 21-30, and only managed a hitting percentage of .130.

"We didn't have any fire or sharpness...and not much communication," head coach Anna Tool said. "We need to have a lot of communication and just be ready to be involved in everything and play smart to finish."

Tool and the rest of the 'Cats said the team is right where it should be physically, but have lots of room for improvement mentally.

"I think it (the game against Emporia State) was kind of a gut check for a lot of people on what they think they're doing and what they're actually doing," senior Molly Hankins said. "It really gave us something that we all could focus on completely for Saturday to turn and turn that around fast."

While the team suffered another MIAA loss to Washburn the next day (28-30, 27-30, 30-28, 19-30), Northwest did make some improvements. Junior Nicole Wojtowicz tallied a career high 31 defensive digs, and senior Mackenzie Heston continued her offensive dominance with 21 kills. The 'Cats dropped to 7-11 overall and 1-4 in the MIAA with the loss.

A different rotation made things "click" against Washburn Wojtowicz said. The play of her teammates also contributed to her career high.

"Saturday we were much closer to the form that we showed against Truman (State)," Tool said. "It's tough when you don't win games one and two and you lose by a total of five points. I think we got a lot closer to where we want to be on Saturday, now we just have to challenge ourselves to win it."

Wojtowicz said that after suffering the disappointing loss Friday, the mental mindset against Washburn was key. "We didn't perform and knew that, so on Saturday we kind of decided to turn it around and we did," she said. "We might have lost but we really played a lot better."

After traveling to Missouri Southern Wednesday, Northwest returns to Bearcat Arena to host new MIAA member Fort Hays State at 2 p.m. Neither tool nor the team has had the chance to see the team play, but both know it will be a tough opponent. The young team has been low on numbers all season because of injuries and as of the weekend only have one MIAA win, the same as the 'Cats.

"Our challenge is just to stop the roller coaster and get on a mentally tough road where we can just build on things," Tool said.

Hankins hopes her team can pull things together at Missouri Southern on Wednesday and carry the good play through to Saturday's match against Fort Hays State.

"I think everyone needs to look inside themselves," she said. "Right now we're just trying to take one game at a time, not even one match at a time, but one game at a time, one point at a time."

Check online at Nwmisourianews.com for coverage of Wednesday night's match against Missouri Southern.

NW TENNIS

Tennis set to host 16th ITA regional

Jared Verner
Missourian Reporter

Northwest men's tennis team will host its 16th consecutive Intercollegiate Tennis Association regional tournament in Maryville this weekend, starting Friday and running through Sunday.

Teams will be competing at the Grube and High Rise Courts on the Northwest campus and at the courts in Beal Park.

The event regularly features teams from across the upper Midwest, including Colorado and Minnesota. Regional champions in singles and doubles competition move on to the ITA National Small College Championships in Fort Myers, Fla., on Oct. 12-13.

Senior Pablo Acebedo brings

experience from last's year ITA Regionals, after making it to the quarterfinals in 2005. Acebedo lost to eventual regional champion Peter Grimsey 6-3, 6-3.

In the women's ITA regional tournament last weekend hosted by Washburn, junior Carolina Armalar was the only Bearcat to advance to the second day of competition.

She lost in the third round to the seventh seed, Ivette Wolfram of Southwest Baptist, 6-5, 6-2.

The tandem of Lina Gomez and Veronica Castilla were the only Northwest doubles team to advance out of first-round action.

The pair lost 8-6 to Truman State's Courtney Walther and Lindsay Blair.

NW SOCCER

Soccer stays on winning streak

Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

After enjoying the comforts of home and Bearcat Pitch for two weeks, the Northwest soccer team dove into a five-game road trip this past weekend.

And, once again, the team achieved a milestone.

The Bearcats picked up their sixth victory Sunday in a 2-1 win against Emporia State in Emporia, Kan. The win marks the most victories in head coach Tracy Cross' four years at Northwest—one more than last year—and the most in school history since 2001.

Northwest (6-3, 2-2 MIAA) picked up the victory against Emporia State (3-7, 1-3 MIAA) a day after falling 1-0 to No. 16 Washburn (10-0-1, 4-0 MIAA).

"Being away from home it was tougher competition," Cross said. "There were a lot of variables in a new environment, we adapted a lot better."

On Sunday, senior defender Amy Jackson scored her third goal of the season in the 30th minute of the game. She scored off a penalty kick, which was caused directly from a hand ball in the penalty box.

Emporia State tied it up when Andrea Harris scored in the 42nd minute off a breakaway. But the 'Cats prevailed when sophomore Shannon Fitzgerald scored her third goal of the season in the 72nd minute. Fitzgerald struck the ball to the left corner with help from an assist via Erica Sundre.

The 'Cats continue to travel as they play Truman State at 1 p.m. Saturday in Kirksville. Then Northwest plays rival Missouri Western at 7 p.m., Wednesday, in St. Joseph, to finish the five-game road trip.

"She (Fitzgerald) a very competent goal scorer," Cross said. "...Expect to see more from her in the future."

The victory came on the heels of a 1-0 defeat against No. 16 Washburn. The Lady Blues entered the match undefeated and got on the board early in the eighth minute of the game on Keeley Lambeth's goal.

The game was held in Topeka, Kan., at Yager Stadium, where the surface is field turf. Cross said the turf definitely sped up the velocity of the soccer ball and was a factor.

"I've seen our team play better," Cross said.

In both games Northwest goalkeeper Alison Sheridan made a combined 14 saves—nine of them coming against Emporia State.

"She saved the game numerous times, her and those in the back (the defenders)," Cross said.

Northwest currently sits eighth in the Central Regional rankings, while Wednesday's opponent, the University of Central Missouri, sits sixth.

Wednesday's match-up between Northwest and Central Missouri started after press time. For more information on this game check online at Nwmisourianews.com.

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LOST CAUSE



Kendall Wright dives for a pass during Saturday's game against Missouri Western for Family Day. Northwest beat the rival Missouri Western 24-21.

NW CROSS COUNTRY

'Cats keep up with bigger D-I schools

Nate Gonner
Missourian Reporter

In what could be the biggest meet the men's cross country team runs in all year, the Bearcats tried to show where they stood among the elite cross country teams.

Five hundred plus runners, representing schools from across the country competed last Saturday in the Roy Griak Invitational in St. Paul, Minn.

With the women taking the week off, the men's cross country team traveled to the meet alone. The men finished 17th in the meet. Although the team ran well coach Richard Alsop still found things his team needed to improve on.

"I didn't think we got out in the beginning of the (meet) very well and sometimes that dictates quite a bit what's going to happen," Alsop said. "You establish a lot in the first mile or two."

Senior Matt Polman continued to lead the 'Cats finishing in 41st place with a time of 26:56 in the 8K race. Senior Drew Wilson finished second for the 'Cats and 80th overall with a time of 27:23. The meet turned out to be a beneficial experience for the

team. "It's a great experience just to be a part of a meet like that," senior Drew Wilson said. "I mean 500 people, you don't get to see that everyday and it's one of the nation's biggest meets."

The women used their week off not only to prepare for their next meet but also helped raise some money as well.

The women ran from Missouri Western State University campus to Maryville in the team's second annual fundraiser Saturday.

"It will take a few weeks for that (money) to come in but last year we raised about \$7,000," coach Scott Lorek said.

The women's team is in Memphis, Tenn., this weekend as they compete in the Rhodes Invitational Saturday. The men's team however has a week off and will join the women's team on Oct 6 when both teams travel to compete in the Coyote Invitational in Vermillion, S.D. Lorek hopes for a good showing in Memphis.

"We are looking forward to a good meet," Lorek said. "We are looking to be very competitive and to be among the better teams, and I think we are at a point now where we can do quite well."

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—MHS SOCCER



Spoofhound's Chad Proctor kicks the ball upfield during Maryville's game against Smithville Tuesday afternoon. The 'Hounds lost the game 4-1.

Smithville runs past Maryville

Sam Robinson
Missourian Reporter

After putting together consecutive victories, the Maryville Spoofhounds' soccer team dropped one to Smithville on Tuesday.

The 'Hounds lost 4-1 to the experienced Warriors, who have qualified for the state tournament two out of the past three seasons. Coach Stuart Collins felt playing a team like Smithville will give his team a chance to see a strong squad in action and fix some of their bad tendencies.

"I look forward to it every time they come here, it gives us a chance to learn," Collins said. "If we're not going to win, at least we can learn from their quality of play."

The majority of the first half

was spent near the Maryville goal as Smithville dictated the pace of the game.

The Warriors swiftly passed the ball around adjacent 'Hound defenders with frequency and consistently beat them to the ball defensively.

Shortly after a hard collision negated a prior Smithville breakthrough, the Warriors, already up a goal, got their second when Brian Scheier's juke move froze the 'Hounds' defense and passed it back towards the center, allowing an easy shot on goal to make it 2-0.

The game went into the half with the deficit at 3-0.

Freshman defenseman Evan Johnson was one of the players having to continually help protect the net against Smithville scoring threats.

"We really responded in the second half. These guys don't know how to quit,"

—Stuart Collins, coach

"A lot of it was their pressure. They had very well-placed passes," Johnson said.

"We knew we had been scored on a lot in the first half and there was some frustration to overcome."

"We knew we had to play on their level and above."

The 'Hounds got to the Warriors' level in the second half but the damage was done.

Goalie John Seipel helped out his team's cause by crafting a near-perfect half in only allowing one goal despite many seeing a barrage of shots and making several acrobatic saves in the process.

Junior midfielder Jon Rogers scored the 'Hounds lone goal within seconds of the closing whistle to avoid the shutout.

Even in the loss, Collins saw a turnaround to build on during the second period.

"We really responded in the second half," Collins said. "These guys don't know how to quit."

Maryville now stands at 4-6-1 and continues its season at 4:30 p.m. today at Donaldson Park against Bishop LeBlond.

—MHS SOFTBALL

'Hounds halt comeback

Scott Levine
Missourian Reporter

It looked as if Caitlin Woods would cruise on the mound for the Maryville High School softball team, Monday.

Woods had a no-hitter through four innings, but host Lafayette mustered two runs in the fifth and one run in the sixth to tie the game at three runs apiece. Only one of Lafayette's runs was earned.

"No matter how the other team gets runs, whether earned or unearned, I try to pitch better and try to keep the attitudes of my teammates up," Woods said.

In the end, the Spoofhounds' bats helped Woods towards the win, stringing together six runs in the final inning, preserving a 9-3 victory.

Woods finished with five strikeouts and the team's performance pleased Maryville coach Jacqui Conn.

"As the season is coming to a close, I think we want to fight more," Conn said. "They're trying to pick it up for districts."

The 'Hounds start district play Oct. 5.

After Lafayette notched one

run in the sixth inning to bring the score to 3-3, the ninth hitter in the 'Hounds line-up, Kendra Coulter, started a key seventh-inning rally.

Coulter led off with a walk and Jordan Gadois followed with a single for Maryville. Emily Howell loaded the bases after a single and Lindsay Schreck knocked in the go-ahead run off an error.

After the inning finished, the 'Hounds delivered four hits, six runs and three RBI. Mariah Stiens had the lone extra base hit with a two-run double.

"The girls just started hitting the ball and (Lafayette) just couldn't do anything quite right," Conn said. "It was like a domino effect and we just fed off each other."

Howell ended with two hits and one RBI, while Schreck registered two RBI. Coulter and Lizz Post each had two hits.

"We fight until the end of the game," Woods said. "We are not going to give up."

The 'Hounds improved to 5-9 overall with the win. Maryville returns to action at 5 p.m., Thursday, against North Platte in Dearborn, Mo.

NFL WATCH

Three former Northwest football players recently made the jump to the National Football League. Here is a brief look at where the three currently are playing.



Steve Williams
Dallas Cowboys

The defensive tackle is in his first year in the NFL and is currently a member of the practice squad.



Jamaica Rector
Dallas Cowboys

The wide receiver is in his second year in the NFL and has returned four punts for 22 yards in one game this season.



Dave Tollefson
Green Bay Packers

The defensive end is in his first year in the NFL and is currently a member of the practice squad.

—MHS FOOTBALL

CAMERON: 'Hounds face conference rival

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to stop him, but you've got to slow him down."

On the defensive side of the football, Maryville matches up fairly even to Cameron. Oglesby leads the Dragons (26). Maryville gives up more points (26.8) than Cameron (16.0).

In three of Maryville's first four games, they have given up 30 or more points. Cameron's worst defensive performance came in week 2 against state-ranked Harrisonville, when they gave up 27 points.

A win against Cameron would go a long way for a team that sits at 1-3 in the MEC. With games against Platte County and Savannah left on the MEC schedule, Holt said it was important for the team to shape up before district play begins.

"We've got to get as good as we can until districts," Holt said. "We don't want to lose these next three MEC games and go into districts with one win because that's terrible."

Kickoff for the game is set for 7 p.m., Friday, in Cameron.

What's your horoscope?

Today's Birthday (09-28-06)

Follow a hunch to find that illusive satisfaction you've been seeking. Don't worry about the money, it'll be easy to get. Focus on the art, and don't be rigid about the outcome.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 — You don't have to do everything, although you think you can. Share the load and have more fun. Be a team player.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 5 — Follow through on a promise you made to yourself. If you can't think of one, make one now. It won't be a burden, it'll be an inspiration.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is an 8 — If you're smart, and you are, you're not in this alone. You have at least one strong assistant. Get that person to take over some of the management duties.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 5 — You have an opportunity now to greatly enhance your reserves. Stash away as much as you can. As you well know, more is better.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 — There's no point in sitting around feeling sorry for yourself. Get busy and figure out a way to get back into the game.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 5 — Figure out what you really want, and get rid of a lot of the rest. Be practical, but allow yourself a few luxuries, too.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7 — You have a couple of good ideas, but don't go bounding off. There's more planning to be done. If you don't want to race right off a cliff. And even more if you do.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 5 — You don't have to do without for long, you can always come up with another source of revenue. Don't tell anybody about it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 — You exude trustworthiness, and that's partially why people often ask you to intervene and help them to decide. Tell them the truth, not what they want to hear. It's your duty.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 5 — Pick each step carefully, as you climb up to the top. Even an impossible dream is achievable, this way. Keep your objective in mind.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7 — The reason people like to do things for you is obvious. You're always available to them when they need assistance. What goes around comes around.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 6 — If at first you don't succeed, don't turn around and give up. Ask again, and again, and again. Eventually, you'll wear them down.

—STROLLER

Your Man survives the dorm elevator everyday

I am, like many others, a survivor.

I have risked life and limb riding the residence hall elevators, and thankfully, I am alive to reflect upon these experiences. Every time I exit an elevator, I can't help but feel a little courageous and at the same time—cynical.

As any campus elevator rider will know, there exists much more to these thrill rides than just defying death. Forming deep and meaningful bonds between people, glancing upon the top of the line R.A. art, and gaining insight about how others live, are all things I gain by riding the elevator.

Also, I find that camaraderie shared between riders is astounding. Almost always, when I exit the elevator with another survivor, there is a matter of milliseconds, is an exchange so profound and yet so subtle that mere passers-by's would not notice. Usually, this exchange occurs via eye contact or a slight nod. Oddly enough, a lot of people just say "Thank You."

Even when I remained on the elevator as others departed onto various floors, I still received gratitude. I believe the reason why this happens is something similar to walking someone to their car or dorm at night or holding hands while watching a particularly scary movie.

After I had gotten used to the whole rid-

ing bit, I soon started to notice various characteristics about types of floors. For example (and not at all a surprise), all male floors smell. Understand that I use the word "smell" loosely. The odor that permeates everything on these floors just "is." Some-

thing so unnatural to this world could only be born through the sacrifice of a virgin and nourishment by freshman males. I would sooner perform ritualistic Japanese suicide, seppuku, than live on these floors for more than a school year.

Conversely, I found out that the scent of all female floors come in two varieties. The first type is one of too much perfume; that's about all I can remember about those floors, as I blacked out momentarily due to toxin exposure. The other type of female floor has it just right—a perfect harmony of manufactured scents, while at the same time having the slightest hint of an outdated residence hall.

Regardless of the personal risk I assume by taking a joy ride, I will continue to take the elevator.

And, it is just me, or does the elevator in the Administration Building seem like a mini-insane asylum?

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

—MOVIE REVIEW

'The Covenant' bewitches New England

Imagine being a teenager and having the power to do whatever you want, and you're guaranteed to get away with it.

That's the scenario for four childhood friends growing up in Massachusetts in "The Covenant."

The four are descendants of families that had powers. Stories are told of five families who moved to the Ipswich colony in 1692 to escape persecution. The families signed a covenant to help protect their secret, but one family abused their power and became victims of the witch hunts.

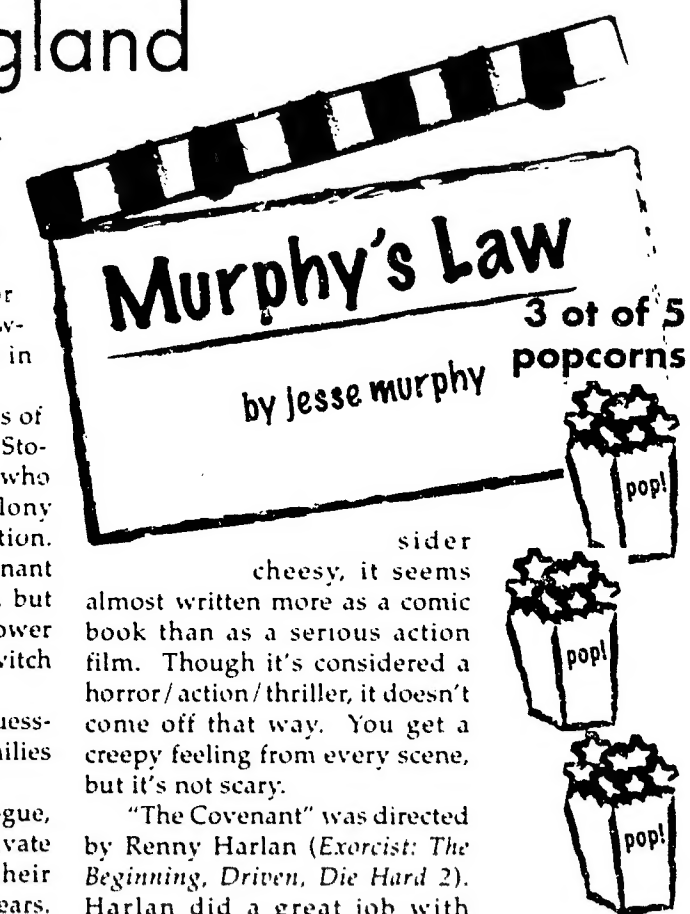
In modern times (I'm guessing by the Escalade), the families are old money.

The four boys, Caleb, Popple, Tyler and Reid attend a private school in the same area their families have been for 300 years. The first-born son of each family inherits the powers that develop at 13 years old.

The boys seem to abuse their powers despite the fact that it becomes more addictive the more you use it. The power also causes you to age abnormally, as you soon find out when you see Caleb's father.

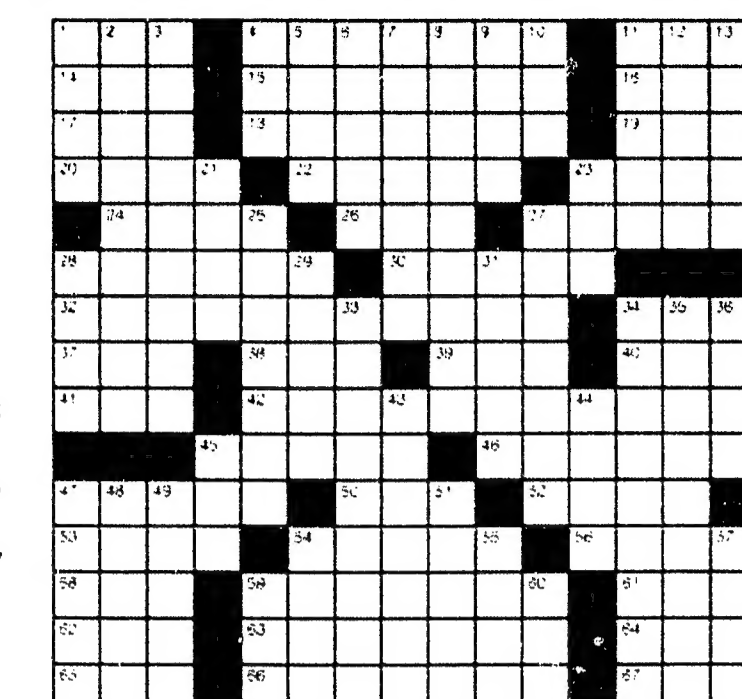
Caleb, the oldest and the leader, is the most powerful. He is approaching his 18th birthday, when he will "ascend" into adulthood, making him even more powerful. But things begin to go wrong when he starts to sense the presence of other magic. The boys obviously suspect each other, jealousy takes effect on some, and their friendship is tested.

The actors are basically names, but they all have either little-known movies or television experience. Because of the dialogue, which some would con-



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—INTRAMURALS

Intramural softball leads season

Nate Gonner
Missourian Reporter

As the leaves start to turn colors and autumn comes into full swing, the sound of metal can be heard from Donaldson Park, making one want to hold on to that last bit of summer.

With 36 teams separated into four leagues (fraternity, sorority, men's and women's) intramural softball is one of the major intramural happenings on the Northwest campus right now.

The championship tournament started Tuesday and runs through today. Intramural softball games were being played at Donaldson Park on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 6 p.m. Games lasted 40 minutes. However with the

starting date being so close to the start of school, it has some personal wanting to change the dates intramural softball is held.

"I don't like it just because it is so early and it doesn't allow people to get oriented with intramurals yet," said softball graduate assistant Kristin Larsen said. "It doesn't get warm enough in the spring for softball, otherwise we would probably try it in the spring. But it is one of those things trying to get people involved as soon as they get into school."

Although softball might be coming to a close there are more intramurals starting up in the next few weeks. Swim meets and flag football start in October and volleyball, badminton, and pickle ball all start in the

month of November. However, there is no doubt the most anticipated intramural is flag football.

"Football is pretty big in the Midwest and most of our students are from the Midwest," said recreational sports director Bob Lade. "You have 6,000 students on campus and there is a 100 on the (Northwest) football team. Well there is a lot of other people, especially in the male population, that played high school football and still want to play the game."

Sign up for flag football has already ended but there is time to sign up for the rest of this year's intramurals. Intramural football begins on Oct. 2. Games will be played at 3:30 p.m. at the Bearcat practice fields.

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Strumming along



Northwest student Justin Downing spends some of his time giving guitar lessons which helps finance his education. He got started playing the guitar when his mother gave him one for Christmas, even though he had never asked for one.

Photo by Stephanie Jorgel | Editor in Chief

Northwest student Justin Downing isn't seeking fortune or fame, he plays the guitar on his own terms

"I'm not really teaching, but more sharing and helping with someone like if you were to show a 2-year-old how to add apples."

Tara Adkins
Chief Reporter

He doesn't play to be famous. He doesn't play to get rich. He plays to teach and learn the challenge of the guitar.

Northwest freshman Justin Downing uses his guitar to teach other students the beneficial techniques and strategies of playing guitar.

"I can't think of anything that I don't like about the guitar because it's so soothing, it gets people's attention but it can still help me with school," Downing said.

When he was in eighth grade, Downing's parents gave him a Fender Stratocaster for Christmas even though he expressed no desire to play.

Since he seemed bored in class and was not involved in extra-curricular activities, his teacher suggested a musical instrument would provide a challenge for him.

"Music helps expand the mind and the abilities of a person," Chris Corbeman, Downing's mother, said. "Because music helps the mind, it helped him."

Three years after receiving the guitar, Downing lay restless and unable to sleep one night. He turned to his guitar, which had never been touched, and decided to play. The Fender Stratocaster cured his insomnia and gave him a desire for music.

Downing taught himself the basic three-chord progressions through repetition until he could play music of all genres including jazz, classical, improv blues and rock.

As a senior in high school, Downing took his ability to play guitar and tied the music with studying for his college-credit classes.

Downing would recognize biology, genetic sequences by basing four notes on the guitar with the four genetic letters A, C, G and T, which helped him connect his music with biology.

"I would read my textbook while playing the guitar and when I went to class I could think of the notes and the things would come with them and I would ace every test without that much studying," Downing said.

After his

friends convinced him, Downing has taught several other students the basic theory of guitar. He is willing to teach basic hand structure, building chords and the memorization of the fret board.

"I'm not really teaching, but more sharing a method with someone, like if you were to show a 2-year-old how to add apples," Downing said.

Downing offers free technique lessons to anyone interested who has a guitar. He can be contacted through e-mail at S200723@nwmissouri.edu.

"I'm not good enough to teach Bach, but I'm good enough to teach you to teach yourself how to play Bach," Downing said.

